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Flood Claims 3 Lives in Md.

Va. officials declare emergency, prep for surge on Potomac

WASHINGTON | Two men and a woman who had been riding in the back of a pickup truck in high water drowned Tuesday night in Frederick County and two high school boys were missing and presumed dead in the eastern part of the county after taking off to explore a rain-swollen creek, officials said Wednesday.

The deaths of Eric C. Zepp, 19, and a married couple, Jesse R. Haulsee, 24, and Angelia S. Haulsee, 29, all of Myersville, Md., were the

first local fatalities reported during six days of record-setting storms that have battered the Washington region, washing out scores of roads, flooding hundreds of homes and forcing the evacuation of more than 2,200 people from neighborhoods around Lake Needwood in central Montgomery County. There was no word when the evacuees could return home.

The sun was shining most of Wednesday, but with the ground saturated and accumulated rainfall still flowing down creeks and rivers, the morning commute again was disrupted.

Officials warned that flooding remained a major concern as Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine declared a statewide emergency. Alexandria residents and business owners stockpiled sandbags in preparation for possible flooding from the Potomac River. DANIELA DEANE, FREDRICK KUNKLE AND PHILIP RUCKER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

❖ **Rising water:** Up to 200,000 evacuated in Pennsylvania from deluge that's killed 12 in the Northeast | **Page 4**

Israel Intensifies Offensive Over Kidnapping



BROKEN BRIDGES: Palestinians inspect a destroyed bridge on Wednesday following an overnight Israeli air strike on Al-Nusairat. Israeli troops moved into Gaza in a show of might to pressure Islamic militants to release a kidnapped soldier. ❖ **Warning:** Warplanes buzz Syrian president's home | **Page 8**

LOOT | Giving Them the Slips Police are looking for two men who robbed an armored truck Monday in Cutler Ridge, Fla. — and stole a bag of deposit slips, WTVJ-TV reported. The guard was leaving the bank with a bag when a man wearing a ski mask



placed a gun to his back and took the bag from his hands while removing the guard's gun, police said. The men escaped with the bag, which had already been emptied of money and only had deposit slips inside. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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CHORES

Great, It's Just Like Having to Mow the Lawn in the Winter

Damian Renzello of East Montpelier, Vt., has been searching for smooth ice for years. Now he has created the ultimate outdoor dream machine for ice lovers — the backyard Zamboni. Renzello mounted a snowblower on the front of a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle, added an ice scraper blade underneath and mounted a tank connected to pipes and hoses that lays down a film of water to create a glass-like finish to outdoor ice. The Bambini Revolution is selling for about \$30,000 to outdoor ice-skating enthusiasts. (AP)



LOSSES

Use Your Relief Debit Card to Buy Another

A New Orleans family that lost its dog in Hurricane Katrina is in a custody battle with a Doylestown, Pa., family that adopted him. Sheila Combs, who lost virtually everything she owned in the

hurricane, said she wants Rocket, her 10-year-old son's chow-Finnish spitz mix, returned home. Lynne Welsh took in the now 2-year-old dog from a shelter last November; the Welshes have renamed him Rusty. Welsh said she plans to keep the dog and has hired an attorney to represent her. Combs said she will do the same. (AP)



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CARDIO

Get Your Mutt in Gear

It works just fine, but some species prefer the StairMaster or NordicTrack. Torlek, a dog in Bangkok, jogs on a treadmill Tuesday. The \$200 treadmill for canines is available to dog owners who want to ensure their animals get plenty of exercise while they sit on the couch. (EXPRESS)



Don't even THINK about asking for a rental reference after this little stunt.

ANGER MANAGEMENT

No Hope of Getting Deposit Back Now

A man who was upset at being asked to pay \$1,800 in back rent destroyed his landlord's Bradwell, England, house with a backhoe, the Sun reported. The trailer park owner, Janice Gledhill, was awakened by the machine and escaped when he began wrecking her house. When police arrived, Robert Taylor smashed the patrol car, then crushed two other cars and obliterated the house. (EXPRESS)

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—Sen. Barack Obama, chastising fellow Democrats for failing to speak to religious voters.



Nation

In Brief

MORGANTOWN, W.VA.

Surviving Miner Says Sago Group Expected Rescue

As they sat behind a curtain that held back thick smoke but not deadly carbon monoxide, the doomed crew of the Sago Mine talked about the rescue they thought was coming, the sole survivor says. In a transcript of a June 19 interview with state and federal investigators, Randal McCloy Jr. said he believed a seismographic machine somewhere above them was waiting for a signal from the miners. (AP)

NEW LONDON, CONN.

Coast Guard Sentences Cadet In Sexual Favor Case

A military jury has kicked Cadet Webster Smith out of the Coast Guard and sentenced him to six months in a military prison on charges of extorting a fellow student for sexual favors. Webster M. Smith, the first student court-martialed in the academy's history, was acquitted of rape Tuesday. (AP)

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.

Clouds Threaten Saturday Launch of NASA Mission

Clouds in the forecast raised doubts Wednesday about whether Discovery would get off the launch pad this weekend for the first space shuttle flight in nearly a year. There was a 60 percent chance that clouds capable of producing lightning would prevent a launch during the 10-minute window Saturday afternoon. (AP)

Top Court: States Free to Redistrict

Justices approve most of Texas political map, finding some violations

WASHINGTON | A fractured Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that states are free to redraw congressional districts at a time of their choosing, largely blessing Tom DeLay's bitterly contested handiwork in Texas and the gains it gave national Republicans.

With Justice Anthony M. Kennedy playing the role of majority maker, the court ruled the 2003 Texas plan violated the rights of Hispanics in the area around

Laredo and ordered a lower court to review that part of the case.

But the justices imposed no timetable, and it was not clear whether Democrats would be able to win any changes in the Republican-drafted plan before the November elections.

Additionally, the justices rejected a claim that Texas Republicans had violated the rights of black voters by breaking up a congressional district in the area around Fort Worth.

And they ruled more broadly that the Constitution does not bar states from redrawing political lines when one party or the other senses an advantage.

"With respect to a mid-decade redistricting to change districts drawn earlier in conformance with a decennial census, the Constitution and Congress state no explicit prohibition," Kennedy wrote.

The case prompted six of the court's nine justices to issue opinions. Kennedy's was the pivotal one, though. Only two justices, John Paul Stevens and Stephen Breyer, said the mid-decade redistricting showed that the Texas lawmakers were guilty of excessive partisanship.

The rulings on the challenges to the rights of Hispanics and blacks were narrower, 5-4, Kennedy in the majority on each.

"Every redistricting is a partisan political exercise, but this is going to put it at a level we have never seen."

Rep. Rahm Emanuel (D-Ill.) on worries states' redistricting will get out of hand | **Today, A Section**

IN The Washington Post

The ruling freed states to readjust the lines more frequently — potentially whenever political power shifts — so long as they do not run afoul of the Voting Rights Act or other laws designed to protect the right to vote. DAVID ESPO (AP)

COLORADO | LAST ONES STANDING



PLAYGROUND SHOWDOWN: Eight-year-old Morgan Harty, left, and Maddie Warren, 8, right, celebrate in front of their class as the last ones standing on the spinning ring on Wednesday at a playground in Edwards, Colo.

Google Set to Unveil Rival to PayPal

SAN FRANCISCO | Google Inc. on Thursday will unveil a much-anticipated payment service that aims to make online shopping more convenient and give advertisers another reason to pour more money into the Internet search leader.

As Google attempts to boost its

already lofty profits and become an even more prominent player in e-commerce, the Mountain View, Calif.-based company risks alienating one of its biggest advertisers — online auctioneer eBay Inc., which runs the Internet's leading payment service, PayPal. (AP)

Church May Split Over Gay Leaders

NEW YORK | Three conservative Episcopal dioceses that oppose consecrating gay bishops voted Wednesday to reject the authority of the denomination's presiding bishop, but stopped short of a full break

with the Episcopal Church.

The decision by the three dioceses came on the same day that the liberal Diocese of Newark, N.J., named a gay priest as one of four nominees to become its next leader.

In separate meetings, three dioceses asked the spiritual head of the Anglican Communion to assign them an alternative leader. (AP)



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MULTITASKER: A former judge in Bristow, Oklahoma is on trial on charges he used a penis pump on himself in the courtroom while sitting in judgment of others. Judge Donald D. Thompson, a veteran of 23 years on the bench, is charged with four counts of indecent exposure.

Pa. Floods Force Mass Evacuations

Rising waters blamed in deaths of 12 across northeastern states

WILKES-BARRE, PA. | Up to 200,000 people in the Wilkes-Barre area were ordered to evacuate their homes Wednesday because of rising water on the Susquehanna River, swelled by a deluge that killed at least 12 people across the Northeast.

Thousands more were ordered to leave their homes in New Jersey, New York and Maryland. Rescue helicopters plucked residents from rooftops as rivers and streams surged over their banks, and washed out roads and bridges in some of the worst flooding in the region in decades.

An estimated 150,000 to 200,000 people around Wilkes-Barre, in northeastern Pennsylvania, were told to get out by nightfall.

A dozen helicopters from the Pennsylvania National Guard, the state police and the Coast Guard were sent on search-and-rescue missions, plucking stranded resi-



SWIFT BOAT: Firefighters rescue children trapped by floodwaters in the Arthur Ashe Youth Tennis Center in the Manayunk section of Philadelphia on Wednesday. Floods forced more than 200,000 to evacuate in northeastern Pennsylvania.

dents from rooftops. Hundreds of National Guardsmen prepared to distribute ice, water and meals ready to eat.

Elsewhere in the Binghamton,

N.Y., area, an entire house floated down the Susquehanna.

The soaking weather was produced by a low-pressure system that has been stalled just offshore

since the weekend and pumped moist tropical air northward along the East Coast. A record 4.05 inches of rain fell Tuesday in Binghamton.

MARK SCOLFORD (AP)

Senate Confirms Paulson as New Chief of Treasury

WASHINGTON | The Senate on Wednesday cleared the way for Goldman Sachs chief Henry Paulson to be the country's next Treasury secretary.



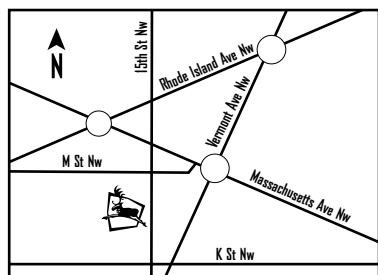
Paulson

The chamber approved the nomination in a voice vote. The action came just hours after the nomination won the endorsement of the Senate Finance Committee, which oversees the Treasury Department. Paulson, a 32-year Wall Street veteran, is the chairman and chief executive officer of Goldman Sachs Group Inc., a financial powerhouse.

Both Democrats and Republicans welcomed Paulson's nomination.

Beset by low job approval ratings, President Bush is looking to Paulson to help energize the administration's stalled second-term economic agenda. JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)

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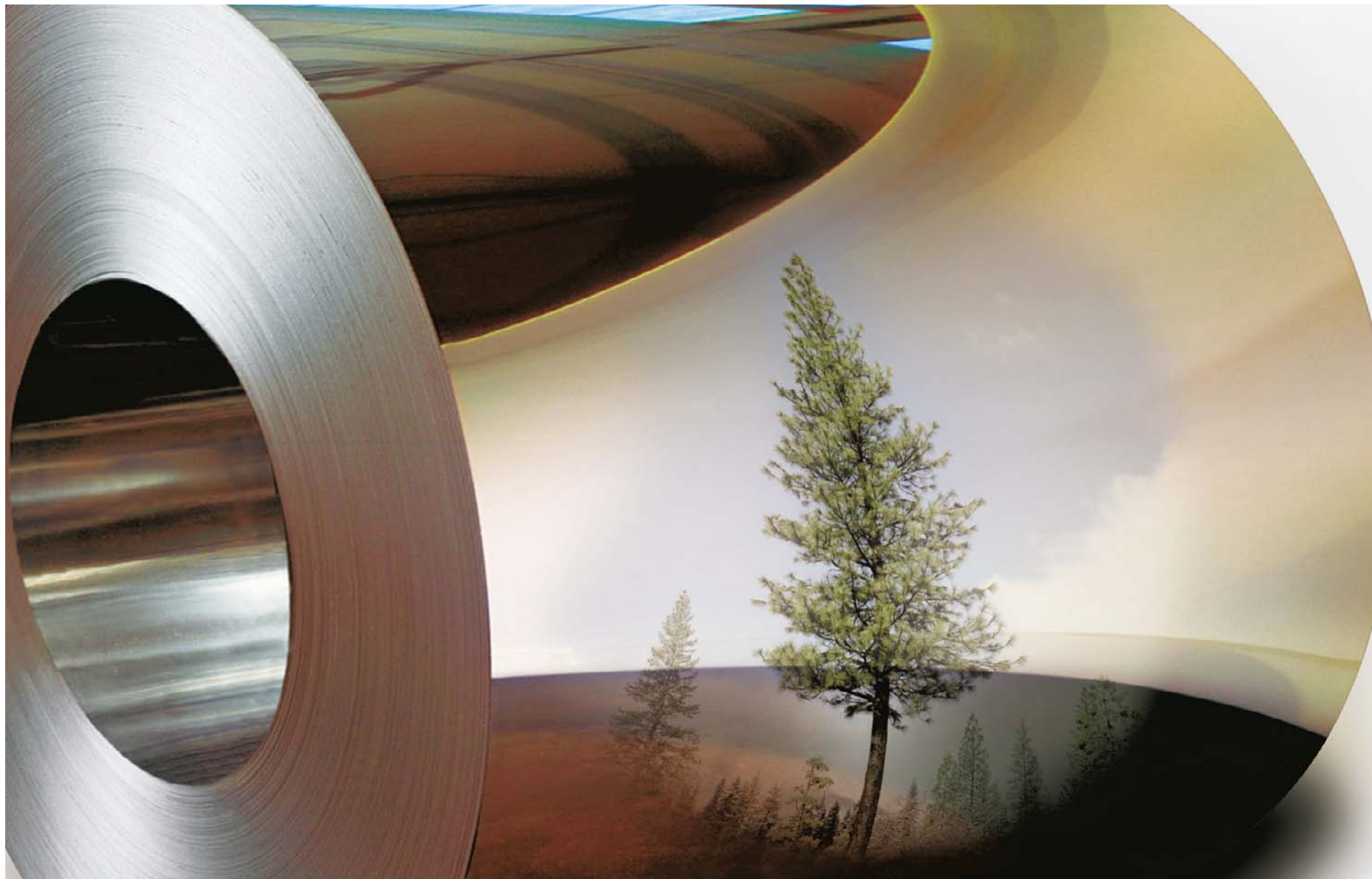
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ON THE HOOK: A pair of fishing buddies were charged with 10 felonies after being accused of cheating in fishing tournaments in Kentucky. An investigation of the pair began after an April tournament, when the men allegedly stashed five live bass in a fish basket in the water, then picked them up to weigh in.

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DHS: Border Plan Lacking

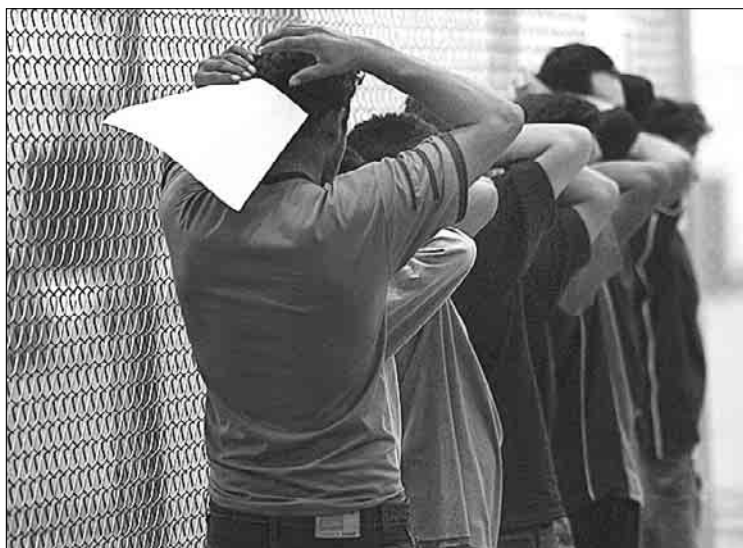
Official says agency is developing strategy to analyze security gaps

WASHINGTON | U.S. lacks a broad intelligence strategy to help secure its borders and agencies are not fully sharing threat information about immigrants, a top counterterrorism official said Wednesday.

Only over the past year has the Bush administration begun to develop plans to analyze border security gaps with information gleaned from all the intelligence agencies, the official told a House committee.

"When I came in, we did not have an intelligence campaign plan against the border," said Charles Allen, who joined the Department of Homeland Security last fall as its intelligence chief. "I agree with you that we should have done more earlier, but we are now at this vigorously."

He said the department is in the early stages of developing a compre-



WALKING THE LINE: Men who were caught crossing the U.S. border with Mexico illegally are processed in a Border Patrol holding cell last week in Nogales, Ariz.

hensive border intelligence strategy, which includes working with the Pentagon on surveillance and reconnaissance programs.

Democrats on the House Homeland Security Committee said they were outraged that security officials were unaware of some

vulnerabilities at the more than 19,000 miles of the U.S. border.

"Frankly, we should have been talking about border intelligence five years ago in the aftermath of 9/11," said Rep. Bennie Thompson of Mississippi, the committee's top Democrat. LARA JAKES JORDAN (AP)

Ohio Plans Lethal Injection Change

COLUMBUS, OHIO | The state will change its lethal injection process to help prevent problems like last month's struggle to find a vein in a condemned man's arm, leading the man to ask that officials find another way to kill him, according to a report issued Wednesday.

Execution teams will make every effort to find two injection sites and

will use a new method to make sure the veins stay open once entryways are inserted, prisons Director Terry Collins said in the report.

The review was prompted by the execution of Joseph Clark that was delayed about 90 minutes when staff had problems finding a viable vein and one vein they did use collapsed.

The execution drew criticism from death penalty opponents who said the problems illustrated why the method of capital punishment is cruel. (AP)

'Fahrenheit 9-11' Marine Killed in Iraq

DETROIT | A Marine and one-time recruiter who appeared in Michael Moore's documentary film "Fahrenheit 9/11" has died in a roadside bombing in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Raymond J. Plouhar, 30, died Monday of wounds suffered while conducting combat operations in Iraq's volatile Anbar province, the Defense Department said Tuesday.

Plouhar, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., had taken four years off from active duty to serve as a recruiter in Flint. He is



Staff Sgt. Raymond Plouhar hands candy to Iraqi students in May 2006.

seen in the 2004 film approaching prospective recruits in a mall parking lot. (AP)

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World



WRITE STUFF: In a sign of the e-times, Iraq's new prime minister has set up an e-mail account to communicate with insurgents. Nouri al-Maliki had the address flashed on state-run al-Iraqiya TV during a show that dealt with the problems of the Iraqi people.

In Brief



Police in Liege, Belgium, search the site where the girls' bodies were found.

LIEGE, BELGIUM

Bodies of 2 Missing Girls Found; Child Rapist Charged

The bodies of two Belgian schoolgirls missing for nearly three weeks were found Wednesday in a storm drain along railroad tracks, a few hundreds yards from where they were last seen alive at an outdoor party. Prosecutors said the girls were murdered. The disappearances of the stepsisters — 7-year-old Stacy Lemmens and 10-year-old Nathalie Mahy — has shocked Belgium, and police have charged a convicted child rapist in their June 10 abduction. (AP)

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

12 Rebels, 5 Sailors Killed As Violence Threatens Truce

Twelve Tamil rebels and five Sri Lankan sailors were killed Wednesday in a clash near a western naval base, a navy spokesman said — the latest violence threatening to cause a four-year cease-fire to collapse. Helicopter gunships helped the navy sink two rebel boats carrying six guerrillas each and repulse the attack, said navy spokesman D. K. P. Dassanayake. (AP)

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

Clashes Among Rival Groups Cause Hundreds to Flee

Hundreds of Somalis fled their homes Wednesday after an Islamic militia that controls much of southern Somalia clashed with gunmen from an opposing clan at a checkpoint on the outskirts of the capital. The Islamic militia battled gunmen Tuesday who had been extorting money from drivers just outside Mogadishu, killing six people — including three civilians. (AP)

Israeli Military Strike Shakes Gaza

Hamas stays firm on call for prisoner swap as offensive intensifies

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Air strikes and sonic booms shook Gaza on Wednesday as thousands of Israeli troops backed by tanks penetrated the impoverished coastal strip in a massive show of might designed to force Islamic militants to free a soldier whose fate has jolted Mideast politics.

In a bold warning to the country that shelters the political leader of the Islamic Hamas group, Israeli warplanes buzzed the home of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Palestinians filled up on basic supplies after warplanes knocked out electricity, raising the specter of a humanitarian crisis. The Hamas-led government's information ministry warned of "epidemics and health disasters" because of damaged water pipes feeding central Gaza.

Witnesses reported heavy shelling around Gaza's long-closed airport, and Israeli missiles hit two empty Hamas training camps and a rocket-building factory. Warplanes flew low over the strip, rocking it with sonic booms and shattering windows. Troops in Israel backed up the assault with artillery fire.



ON DEFENSE: Palestinian militants take up positions in response to the Israeli assault Wednesday in the southern Gaza Strip.

There was no sign of ground troops moving into northern Gaza. But late Wednesday, the Israeli army dropped leaflets urging residents to avoid moving in the area because of impending military activity. Dozens of Palestinian militants took up positions, bracing for attack.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert threatened harsher action, though he said there was

no plan to reoccupy Gaza, while Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas deplored the incursion as a "crime against humanity."

Further complicating the situation were militant claims that they had kidnapped two more Israelis: an 18-year-old Jewish settler in the West Bank named Eliahu Asheri and a 62-year-old Israeli from the Israeli city of Rishon Lezion.

The Israeli assault came as diplomatic efforts to free the 19-year-old Israeli soldier, Cpl. Gilad Shalit, bogged down with Hamas demanding a prisoner swap and Israel refusing, demanding Shalit's unconditional release.

Shalit was abducted by Hamas-linked militants on Sunday and is believed to be in southern Gaza.

STEVEN GUTKIN (AP)

Rice Offers Praise for Karzai

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice promised victory over a resurgent Taliban during an upbeat visit to Afghanistan on Wednesday and called the country's embattled president one of the most respected leaders in the world.

Rice said the United States is committed to Afghanistan for the long haul. "We are not going to tire, we are not going to leave," she declared.

Karzai said optimism about his country's gains does not mean he is blind to its challenges, among them corruption and the drug trade. (AP)

Ancient Coffin Reveals No Mummy

Archeologists instead discover embalming items, woven flowers

LUXOR, EGYPT | Archaeologists hoped the first tomb discovered in the Valley of the Kings in 80 years would hold the mummy of King Tut's mother. They opened the last of eight sarcophagi Wednesday, revealing no mummies but finding something almost as valuable: embalming materials and ancient woven flowers.

Hushed researchers craned their necks and media scuffled inside the stiflingly hot underground stone chamber as Egyptian antiquities



Egyptian archaeologists carefully examine the cover of the sarcophagus.

chief Zahi Hawass slowly cracked open the coffin's lid — for what scientists believe is the first time in more than 3,000 years.

"I prayed to find a mummy,

but when I saw this, I said it's better — it's really beautiful," said Nadia Lokma, chief curator of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

The flowers were likely the remains of garlands, often entwined with gold strips, that ancient Egyptian royals wore around their shoulders in both life and death, she said.

Dug deep into white rock, the tomb is known only by the acronym KV63 — the 63rd tomb found in the Valley, a desert region near the southern city of Luxor.

The burial chamber was discovered accidentally last year by U.S. archaeologists working on a neighboring tomb. (AP)

70%

The percentage of Germans surveyed in a new poll who disagreed with the shooting of Bruno, a brown bear who wandered into the country from northern Italy.

World



DOUBLE VISION: Mexican presidential candidates Felipe Calderón, left, and Andrés Manuel López Obrador are in a dead heat.

A Tale of Two Mexicos

Locked in a close race, presidential hopefuls display singular styles

MEXICO CITY | One candidate was born "with a suit and tie on," as his friends say, a meticulously prepared speaker who eviscerates debate opponents, a wonkish campaigning machine.

The other, an opponent who oozes rumply charisma, generates controversy with spontaneous street-slang insults and accepts live roosters from crowds as an homage to his cockiness and his sex appeal.

They represent the great, distant poles of modern Mexican politics: Felipe Calderón, the polished lawyer on the right and Andrés Manuel López Obrador, the fiery populist on the left. For months these two men have ripped away at each other in

the race for the presidency, sharpening their colossal ideological differences. They have relegated Roberto Madrazo, candidate of the long-ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, to an ignominious third place in the polls, and now head into the Sunday election in a statistical dead heat.

The implications of the race are enormous. It has consequences for Mexicans struggling to solidify their political system six years after ending one-party rule. But it also resonates in the United States, where Mexico's fortunes can be measured in the one-way flow of illegal immigrants and the two-way flow of commerce.

Calderón — a balding, bespectacled lawyer who opponents have often teased about being short — is the free-trade booster. A former Mexican energy secretary, Calderón, 43, wants to be the "employment

Differing Directions

→ The asymmetrical visions of Calderón and López Obrador suggest that their Mexicos would be very different places | **Today, AI**

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president" and promises continuity with the administration of outgoing President Vicente Fox.

López Obrador, a 52-year-old former Mexico City mayor whose campaign plays to women by distributing pictures of him on heart-shaped fliers is the disciple of New Deal-style programs. He pledges to work "for the good of all; first the poor" and wants to blow a hole in the North American Free Trade Agreement by refusing to honor Mexico's commitment to lower tariffs on U.S. corn and beans. **MANUEL ROIG-FRANZIA (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Putin: Hunt Down Iraq Kidnappers

MOSCOW | President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday ordered special services to hunt down and "destroy" the killers of four Russian hostages in Iraq — slayings that shocked Russia and prompted an angry outcry against the U.S.-led coalition.

The Kremlin did not specify whether Russia's top security agencies — the Foreign Intelligence Service and the Federal Security Service — or others would be take the lead in finding the al-Qaeda-linked group that claimed it killed

the four Russian Embassy workers.

Russia, a consistent critic of the U.S.-led campaign in Iraq, has no military forces there. However, Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov has stated that Russia has the right to launch pre-emptive strikes against terrorist targets. (AP)

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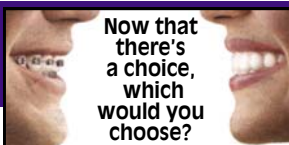
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World

Iraqi Insurgents Bid for Ceasefire

Some Sunni groups offer truce if U.S. will withdraw in 2 years

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Eleven Sunni insurgent groups have offered an immediate halt to all attacks — including those on American troops — if the United States agrees to withdraw foreign forces from Iraq in two years, insurgent and government officials told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Withdrawal is the centerpiece of a set of demands from the groups, which operate north of Baghdad in the heavily Sunni Arab provinces of Salahuddin and Diyala.

The offer coincides with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's decision to reach out to the Sunni insurgency with a reconciliation plan that includes an amnesty for fighters.

The Islamic Army in Iraq, Muhammad Army and the Mujahideen Shura Council — the umbrella group that covers eight militant groups including al-Qaeda in Iraq — were not party to any offers to the government.

Al-Maliki, in televised remarks Wednesday, did not issue an out-



Iraqis pass the scene of a car bombing Wednesday near a mosque in Baqouba.

right rejection of the timetable demand. But he said it was unrealistic, because he could not be certain when the Iraqi army and police would be strong enough to make a foreign presence unnecessary for Iraq's security.

The total number of insurgents is not known, nor how many men belong to each group. But there are believed to be about two dozen insurgent organizations in Iraq, so the 11 contacting the government could represent a substantial part of the Sunni-led insurgency.

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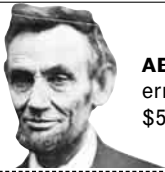
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Money

'Smart' Mini-Cars To Hit U.S. in '08

DaimlerChrysler hopes 'fortwo' model will appeal to urban buyers

DETROIT | DaimlerChrysler AG will team with former auto racer and businessman Roger Penske to sell a funky and fuel-efficient two-seat car in the U.S. starting early in 2008, the automaker's CEO said Wednesday.

The decision — announced by DaimlerChrysler Chairman Dieter Zetsche during an appearance in Detroit — is a watershed moment for the company's Smart car unit, which has not posted a profit since it was formed in 1998.

Penske's United Auto Group Inc. will pick potential dealers and develop a Smart vehicle dealership network throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico. It will focus mainly on highly populated areas, Penske said.



DaimlerChrysler's fuel-efficient Smart vehicles have been popular in Europe.

Smart will sell the next generation of its "fortwo" model, which has been popular in Europe. It gets an average of 40 miles per gallon in combined city-highway driving and will sell for less than \$15,000.

Zetsche said the time is right to introduce Smart to urban Americans who have to deal with congested roadways, \$3 per gallon gasoline and a perpetual search for parking. TOM KRISHER (AP)

EMI, Warner Music Spar Over Merger

LONDON | EMI Group PLC and Warner Music Group Corp., locked in a tug of war after each rejected a takeover bid from the other, continued to press takeover offers Wednesday that would create the world's second-largest

record label.

The war of words between the two companies — which have flirted with a possible combination for the past six years — escalated late Wednesday when Warner Music said its \$4.6 billion offer would

provide shareholders "superior opportunity to realize significant value in their shareholdings."

A combination of EMI and Warner Music would control about 25 percent of the recorded music market moving into second place behind Universal, according to industry analysts. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

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STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Zarlink g	2.22	+0.25	+12.7
VeraSun n	27.18	+2.12	+8.5
MillerInds	20.57	+1.56	+8.2
WMS	26.71	+1.99	+8.1
Ameron	61.16	+4.00	+7.0

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
FullerHB	40.39	-7.49	-15.6
Culp Inc	4.55	-.52	-10.3
ParkEl	27.27	-3.07	-10.1
GlobPwr lf	2.65	-.24	-8.3
Xanser	5.25	-.42	-7.4

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
LeadBrnds	4.93	+.84	+20.5
Vernalis	2.39	+.39	+19.6
CambDis	7.32	+1.13	+18.3
Nanophs	6.38	+.98	+18.1
lomai n	4.05	-.08	-1.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
TEL Off	7.03	-2.17	-23.6
Tapestry rs	2.58	-.57	-18.1
INTAC	6.37	-1.08	-14.5
Cygn n	3.29	-.51	-13.4
MSGI h	2.52	-.39	-13.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.00	8.00
Fed Funds close	5.0625	4.875
3-month disc	4.89	4.82
2-year	5.28	5.20
10-year	5.25	5.16
30-year	5.29	5.19

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5499	.5485	.5509
Canadian Dollar	1.1224	1.1211	1.2313
European Euro	.7968	.7949	.8288
Japanese Yen	116.40	116.28	109.85
Mexican Peso	11.3960	11.4290	10.8330
Taiwanese Dollar	32.60	32.61	31.43

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BkofAm	47.65	+.35	+3.3
BkNova g	39.87	+.01	+.6
Citigrp	47.85	+.09	-1.4
DeutschBk	105.89	+1.18	+9.3
JPMorgCh	41.27	+.43	+4.0
MitsuUFJ	13.17	+.12	-3.8
RoyalBk gs	39.82	+.21	+2.1
TorDBk g	50.37	+.05	-4.4
UBS AG	105.11	+.82	+10.5
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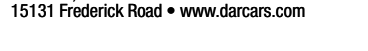
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Local

Archives Dry Out From Heavy Rains

Large dehumidifiers brought in to protect at-risk documents

WASHINGTON | The National Archives has brought in giant dehumidifiers to preserve historic documents in the wake of flooding that closed the building and other historic institutions and government structures.

The Archives, several Smithsonian museums and some government

office buildings have been closed since Monday, when water from a weekend of heavy rains overwhelmed storm drains and flooded basements.

No historic artifacts or documents at the Archives were damaged by floodwaters, but electric wiring, climate control and other building systems sustained extensive damage from 8 feet of water, said Archives spokeswoman Susan Cooper.

"The threat to the records is not

flood water, but humidity from the lack of air conditioning," she said Wednesday.

Genealogical and other records are threatened by humidity, though the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and other "charters of freedom" are not at risk.

The most valuable documents are in climate-controlled cases and backed by special paper that absorbs moisture when the heat or humidity changes, Cooper said.

MARTY NILAND (AP)

Virginia Assembly Ends Estate Tax

Legislation also caps value of land eligible for conservation credit

RICHMOND, VA. | The General Assembly gave final approval Wednesday to legislation repealing Virginia's estate tax and capping land conservation tax credits.

The Senate passed the measure 24-11. The vote in the House of Delegates was 66-22.

Lawmakers approved the legislation after reconvening to consider Gov. Tim Kaine's amendments to the most tardy two-year budget in Virginia history. The existing budget expires at midnight Friday.

Although separate from the \$72

billion biennial spending plan, the legislation repealing the tax assessed posthumously on the estates of millionaires was part of a delicate compromise that finally ended this year's historic budget impasse.

The cap on the conservation tax credit program was added to the bill to help offset the estimated \$98 million annual cost of the estate tax repeal.

The legislation caps at \$50 million a year the value of land eligible for tax credits in exchange for putting it off limits to development.

Kaine said Tuesday that policymakers should not "grievously wound" land conservation tax credits to achieve the goal of eliminating the estate tax. LARRY O'DELL (AP)

Insurers Bracing For Flood Claims

WASHINGTON | Insurers in the Washington area are bracing for thousands of claims for flood damages, but property owners may face limits on what's actually covered.

State Farm Insurance, the nation's largest home insurer, has received 1,300 claims in D.C., Maryland and Delaware. Virginians have filed another 700 claims with State Farm.

Industry experts say it's too soon to know what losses insurance companies will face. (AP)



WATER WOES: Engineers repair the damaged dam Wednesday at Lake Needwood near Rockville, Md. Water in the lake was about 25 feet above its normal level.

2,200 Evacuated Under Threat of a Dam Break

Officials work to shore up barrier weakened by surging floodwater

ROCKVILLE, MD. | About 2,200 people took shelter Wednesday at two locations in Montgomery County after a mandatory evacuation around Lake Needwood.

The evacuees were divided between Wheaton High School in Wheaton and Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda.

Some people went to a pet-friendly shelter at the Gaithersburg

fairgrounds.

County Homeland Security director Gordon Aoyagi said they were hoping Wednesday's evacuation will be temporary.

Officials said the lake was 25 feet above its normal level, and some water was leaking from its earthen dam. They were worried a break in the dam would send water flooding into neighborhoods at a depth of up to 19 feet in some areas.

Montgomery County Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Romer said there were people who refused to leave their homes. (AP)

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I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT LEATHER: The NBA unveiled its new official basketball yesterday, which replaces the traditional leather exterior with a composite material for better grip. Amazingly, Mark Cuban has not yet figured out a reason to complain in his blog. (AP)



Sports

Poor DH-ing Is a National Concern

Washington struggles in interleague play; Fick waits patiently

NATS NOTEBOOK | Washington enters its final interleague series of the year against Tampa Bay this weekend hoping to improve on some lackluster results.

The Nats were 5-8 against the American League after Tuesday's loss to the Blue Jays.

While the designated hitter would seem to be a breath of fresh air for National League squads when they visit American League parks, Washington's extra bats are hitting just .229 since the start of interleague play in 1997.

This year's crop had fared worse than their historical counterparts through Tuesday's action, going 5 for 23 (.217) with two RBIs and two runs scored. Take away Daryle Ward's 4 for 7 performance in the role (though one of those hits came while pinch-hitting for the DH-ing Matt LeCroy), and Nats designated bats were just 1 for 16 in seven games.

Washington was 86-84 all-time in interleague play heading into Tuesday's game at Toronto.



Daryle Ward is the only National who's been able to hit in the designated hitter role.

They were a National League-best 12-6 record against the AL last season.

WAITING HIS TURN: For Robert Fick, one back injury accomplished what a lot of lobbying couldn't.

Fick got some steady playing time last week, filling in for Nick

Johnson when the first baseman went down with a lumbar strain.

"Robert wants to win and he has a lot of confidence," Robinson said. "He lets me know every day, 'If you want to win, play me. I can catch, you know. I can play the outfield, you know. I can play first base, you know.'"

Fick, who was batting .261 through his first 20 games, didn't get on the field until May 17 after offseason elbow surgery.

The 2002 AL All-Star with Detroit is known for keeping things light around the locker room. Robinson, who once described Fick as being "off the wall," declined to elaborate, saying his vocabulary wasn't large enough to explain the jovial utility man's antics.

"That's being kind. I'm not fortunate enough to have the words to describe it, so let's just leave it at that."

DID YOU KNOW? Washington is one of two National League teams that doesn't have a complete game this season. The other is the Chicago Cubs.

NOTES: Entering Wednesday, Ryan Zimmerman was just 1 for 25 since hitting his walk-off home run to bet the Yankees on June 18. ... The Nationals have been caught stealing a NL-worst 28 times through 78 games. Meanwhile, Washington catchers had caught just 12 base-runners over that same span.

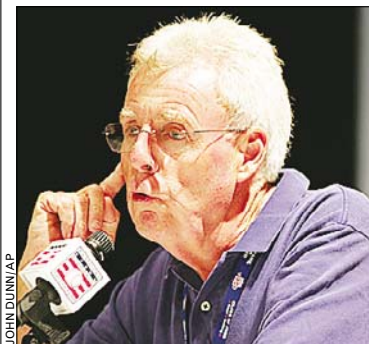
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BASEBALL

Hall-of Fame Writer Peter Gammons in Good Condition

Peter Gammons, an ESPN analyst and member of the writer's wing of the baseball Hall of Fame, was in good condition Wednesday at a Boston hospital after surgery for a brain aneurysm. The 61-year-old Gammons was treated at Brigham and Women's Hospital after being airlifted from a hospital on Cape Cod, where he was stricken at his home Tuesday morning. (AP)



Peter Gammons was treated for a brain aneurysm. He is in good condition.

HOCKEY

Bruins Hire Red Wings' Lewis

Dave Lewis is headed from the Stanley Cups and stars of Detroit to the failures and fresh faces of Boston. The Bruins hired the former Red Wings coach, an official within the NHL said Wednesday, one day after Mike Sullivan was fired following a last-place finish in the Northeast Division in his second season. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the announcement was scheduled for Thursday. (AP)



Lewis

BASEBALL

Bowden's Wife Accepts Plea

The fiancée of Washington general manager Jim Bowden accepted a plea agreement Wednesday to settle charges of battery and resisting arrest in Miami Beach. Joy Browning must complete 25 hours of community service and attend an anger management class for the charges to be dropped. (AP)

In Makeup Contest, O's Beat Phillies

Bedard extends streak of scoreless innings to 16, allows just 5 hits

ORIOLES | Erik Bedard pitched five-hit ball to extend his run of scoreless innings to 16, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-4 Wednesday in the first game of a doubleheader.

Ramon Hernandez and Brian Roberts homered for the Orioles, who have won three of four. It was Roberts' first homer since Aug. 30; he had a career-high 18 last season, 15 by the All-Star break.

Pat Burrell and Shane Victorino each hit a two-run homer for the fading Phillies, who have lost six straight and 14 of 17. Burrell's homer snapped an 0-for-18 skid that included 11 strikeouts.



Orioles catcher Ramon Hernandez hits a two-run homer in the third inning.

Philadelphia played without manager Charlie Manuel, who was serving a one-game suspension for aggressively arguing with an umpire during a June 17 loss to

Tampa Bay. He was replaced by bench coach Gary Varsho.

Bedard (8-6) struck out seven in seven stellar innings, walked two and hit a batter with a pitch.

He has won three straight starts since adding a changeup to his repertoire.

During those three outings, the left-hander has given up three runs and 15 hits over 21 innings.

Chris Ray, the third Baltimore reliever, struck out two in a perfect ninth for his 20th save in 21 chances.

Phillies rookie Cole Hamels (1-4) gave up seven runs and nine hits in five innings, losing his fourth straight start. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)



Late Game: The Orioles second game ended too late for Express' deadline. For scores: **Today's Post, Sports**

Patrick Roy, Herb Brooks Newest In Hockey's Hall

NHL | "Miracle on Ice" coach Herb Brooks and Patrick Roy, the NHL's winningest goaltender, highlight the newest class of North America's ice hockey Hall of Fame.

Former NHL player Dick Duff and executive Harley Hotchkiss also received enough votes from the selection committee, the hall announced on Wednesday.

Brooks led an Olympic team of university players from the United States to the greatest upset in ice hockey history, the victory over the mighty Soviet machine in the 1980 semifinals. Roy won four Stanley Cup titles and three Vezina Trophies as the NHL's top goalie in 19 seasons with the Montreal Canadiens and Colorado Avalanche. (AP)

Sports

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Amount, in thousands of dollars, bet on tennis player Richard Bloomfield, ranked 170 spots lower than the player he upset. Gambling officials are investigating.

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Looking for a second Wimbledon title, Martina Hingis defeated Tathiana Garbin in just one hour to move onto the next round.

Big Names Win in a Flash

Wimbledon's stars all move on in convincing fashion in early rounds

TENNIS | The top women were in a big hurry at Wimbledon on Wednesday. So was Roger Federer.

The three-time defending men's champion routed Tim Henman 6-4,

6-0, 6-2, winning 11 straight games at one stretch to move into the third round and extend his record grass-court winning streak to 43 matches.

"People are expecting me to struggle more [here]," Federer said. "That I came through that convincingly obviously gives me a lot of confidence."

Defending women's champ

Venus Williams, former winner Maria Sharapova and top-seeded Amelie Mauresmo swept their first-round matches in less than an hour — losing only three games among them.

The one-sided trend continued late in the day with former champion Martina Hingis downing Italy's Tathiana Garbin, 6-1, 6-2, in 60 minutes. (AP)

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"The French don't feel totally represented, which no doubt explains why there isn't the warmth that there was eight years ago."

—Far-right French leader Jean Marie Le Pen on the team's roster including more minorities

World Cup '06

It's a Rivalry That Goes Old School

Germany-Argentina matchup brings back memories ... for some

WORLD CUP | The rivalry between Argentina and Germany is an old one, including two World Cup finals, with one victory each.

And it's bubbling up again.

The teams meet again Friday, when the quarterfinal in Berlin puts Argentine wonder boy Lionel Messi and Lukas Podolski of Germany on center stage. But for the two young stars, the World Cups that started it all exist only in the books — or the videos.

Messi, who just turned 19, wasn't even born when Diego Maradona led Argentina to a 3-2 win over Germany in the 1986 final in Mexico. Four years later,



Argentina's Lionel Messi, right, has been lauded as the next Diego Maradona, but Messi wasn't even alive for Argentina's (and Maradona's) 1986 win over Germany.

Germany took its revenge, disposing 1-0 of Argentina to win its third world title.

"I've seen the goals on video," Messi said of the 1986 final.

The 24-year-old Podolski, who has scored three goals for Germany in this World Cup, has no real recollections of that game.

Argentina was ahead 2-0 that day with goals by Jose Luis Brown and Jorge Valdano, but things got tight when Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Rudi Voeller scored one goal each to make it 2-2 with only 10 minutes left.

Maradona, an acknowledged admirer of the young Messi, took the ball in the middle of the field and set up Jorge Burruchaga with a precise pass. Burruchaga ran a few yards and scored the winner.

VICENTE L. PANETTA (AP)



Referee Valentin Ivanov showed a record number of cards in his last game.

2 Refs Get Red Cards From FIFA

World Cup is over for officials who gave out too many warnings

REFEREES | Senior English and Russian referees were cut from the World Cup roster Wednesday after their controversial handling of previous matches.

Premier League referee Graham Poll, who issued three yellow cards to one player in a match, and Valentin Ivanov, who handed out a record number of cautions and ejections in the Portugal-Netherlands second-round match, were omitted from officials selected for the quarterfinals, semifinals and final.

FIFA's referees commission released a list of 12 teams of officials Wednesday shortly after FIFA president Sepp Blatter made more critical comments about the standard of officiating at the tournament.

"In the same way that our members send their best teams, FIFA owes it to itself to send out the best referees," Blatter said on FIFA's Web site. "Hundreds of millions of players and referees around the world are watching what happens in Germany, with the desire to improve themselves and understand how the game is changing."

Luis Medina, who awarded a debatable penalty kick to Italy in the last seconds of its 1-0 second-round match against Australia, will officiate Brazil's quarterfinal against France. JOHN PYE (AP)



FIFA President Joseph Blatter shows off his "Say no to racism" shirt.

Racism Directed At French Again

RACISM | Claims of racist abuse targeting players at the World Cup emerged hours after FIFA and local organizers promoted the "Say No to Racism" campaign on Wednesday.

France coach Raymond Domenech said black players were taunted as they entered the stadium before their second-round match against Spain at Hanover the previous night.

"When the bus arrives at the stadium, when you hear some fans making monkey chants ... I just turned my head away," Domenech said in Hameln. "I don't even give them the satisfaction of a look."

JOHN PYE (AP)

New Ball Is a Big Seller for Adidas

SALES | Adidas AG has gotten a big kick from sales of its official World Cup ball since it debuted in December.

CEO Herbert Hainer said Wednesday that since the Teamgeist ball — German for "team spirit" — went on sale, about 15 million of the

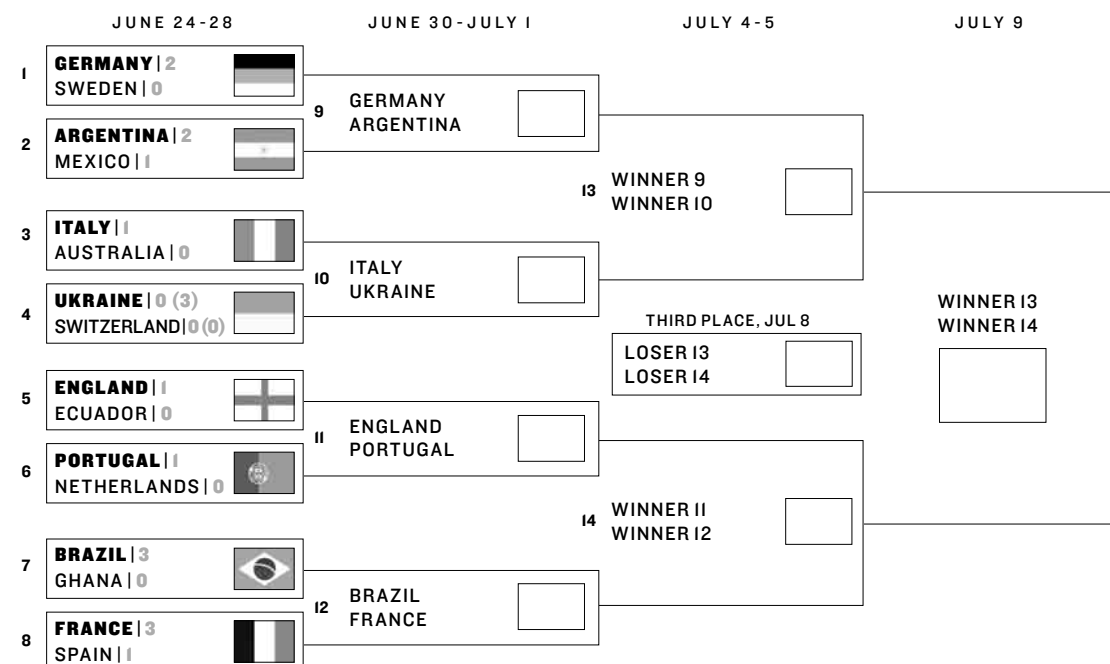
14-panel balls have been scooped up by buyers worldwide. The retail price averages \$113 to \$138.

Hainer said the sales results already have exceeded the company's initial forecast of 10 million. They also are better than the 6 million copies sold of the compa-

ny's previous World Cup ball, the Fevernova, from 2002.

Players at the World Cup have given the Teamgeist ball a mixed reception. Some say its design makes it travel farther when kicked, while goalkeepers have grumbled that it is harder to stop. Adidas has developed balls for every World Cup since 1970. (AP)

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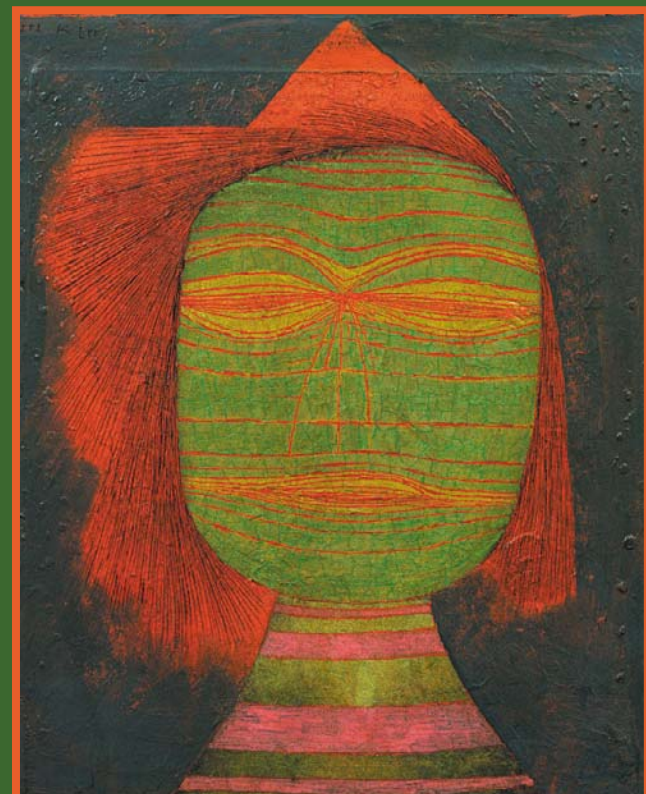
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—Golfer Seve Ballesteros, complaining about high scores at the U.S. Open



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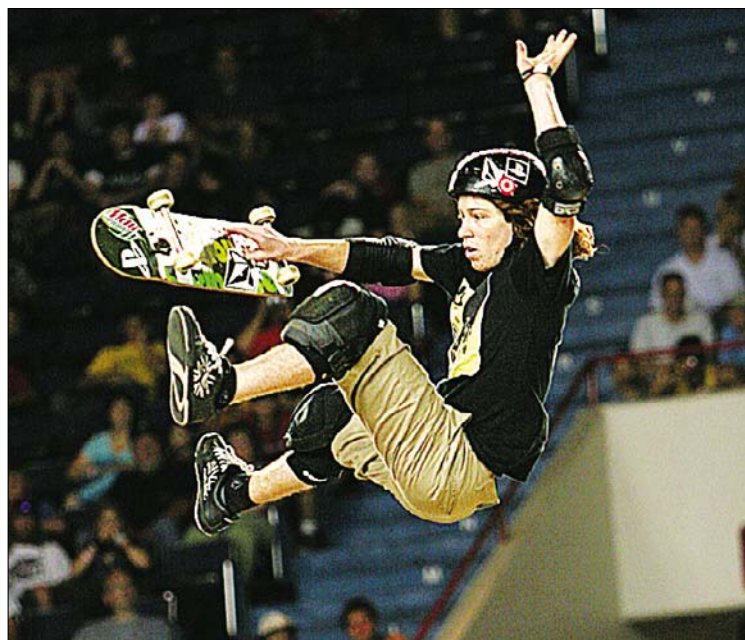
Tomato Still Flying High From Turin

Gold-medalist Shaun White takes a star turn after Olympic bid

SNOWBOARDING | Ask Shaun White the moment when everything changed, when he realized he no longer would be known only as that snowboarding kid with the crazy red hair, and at first all you get is a drawn out "duuuude."

"It's just been crazy," said the 19-year-old White, perhaps better known as "The Flying Tomato" for the way his auburn locks frame his face as he flips, twists and backside airs his way down the half-pipe.

There have been movie premieres and parties all over the globe for the Turin Olympics gold medalist. Stops on every talk show you can think of, and maybe a few



During his summers, 19-year-old Shaun White, Olympic gold medalist in snowboarding, turns to skateboarding for some fun and to keep his skills sharp.

you can't. Companies asking him to put his name on this, or shoot a commercial with that.

But don't hold your breath for a Shaun White bobblehead. He's not a Bobblehead kind of guy.

Maybe, White said, the moment he knew things had changed happened a few days after the Olympics, when somebody told him President Bush had dropped his name during a speech.

Even for a laid-back kid from San Diego who wasn't old enough to vote in the last presidential election, getting a shout-out from the president was pretty "gnarly."

"I thought I was all big-time," White said. "I was like, 'No way.' Way."

White acknowledges the months since Turin have been a blur. At one point, he welcomed a couple

of minor skateboarding injuries — just so he could relax.

"It was rad because I couldn't skate at all," he said. "It was nice just to go home and hang out with my family."

Just not for too long. The road to success is littered with Olympic heroes whose 15 minutes quickly faded once the closing ceremony ended.

White's goal is to maintain the momentum he gained in the Italian Alps. Now, with the phrase "Olympic Champion" permanently attached to his name, he's ready for the next step in his career.

He'll spend the summer on his skateboard, competing in vert competitions — skateboarding's version of the half-pipe — at events such as the Dew Action Sports Tour and the X-Games.

"I just want to focus on being the best skater and the best snowboarder in the world," he said.

WILL GRAVES (AP)



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Sports

Mystics: Westward Bound

Washington picked a bad time to lose — days before a tough road trip

MYSTICS | Ask any of the Mystics players, and they will tell you that there's never a good time to lose a game.

But Tuesday's 74-67 loss to Indiana clearly had more of a sting to it than usual. Not only was it the team's first home loss of the season, but it came just before a brutal four-day road trip that starts tonight in Houston and is followed by games at Los Angeles on Saturday and at high-flying Phoenix on Sunday.

It also didn't help that the Mystics played one of their poorest games of the season against the Fever. Washington put itself in a 22-8 hole at the end of the first quarter and committed 20 turnovers over the course of the game.

"A loss is never the best way to go into anything," Mystics forward Crystal Robinson said. "It's definitely a wake-up call — we have to turn it up a couple of notches."

Guard Alana Beard was also critical of her team's effort, though she recorded her first double-double as a pro against the Fever with 25 points and 10 rebounds.

"We made mental turnovers," Beard said. "Things that are caused by a lack of focus."

Having just faced the three teams ahead of them in the Eastern Conference, the Mystics now faces



Washington guard Alana Beard loses the ball during the Mystics' 74-67 loss to the Fever. The Mystics must go on the road to face Houston, Los Angeles and Phoenix.

the best of the West. And it doesn't help that the Mystics are just 1-5 on the road so far this season.

The Comets are in second place in the conference at 10-6, including a 7-1 record at home.

The Sparks have the WNBA's best record at 11-3, including an eight-game winning streak and an undefeated 7-0 record at the Staples Center.

In its last game, Los Angeles routed San Antonio, 105-80, this past Sunday, as star center Lisa Leslie scored 41 points and pulled down 13 rebounds.

Mystics coach Richie Adubato was not surprised to see the box score from that game.

"Leslie is playing like the MVP she normally is," he said.

JONATHAN TANNENWALD

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN) John Patterson makes his second start since coming off the DL, and he goes up against Roy Halladay and the Blue Jays in the final game of the series.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) The day after a double-header, the Orioles play the Phillies for the last time this week.

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN) The rematch of the 1986 World Series continues with another game between the Red Sox and Mets.

TENNIS (8 A.M. ON ESPN2) Roger Federer and most of the other big names are still around as Wimbledon moves on to later rounds.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Boston	46	28	.622	—	25-10	21-18
N.Y. Yankees	43	32	.573	3.5	23-16	20-16
Toronto	42	34	.553	5	25-16	17-18
Baltimore	35	42	.455	12.5	22-20	13-22
Tampa Bay	33	45	.423	15	18-17	15-28

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Detroit	53	25	.679	—	25-14	28-11
Chicago	50	26	.658	2	29-11	21-15
Minnesota	41	35	.539	11	26-10	15-25
Cleveland	35	41	.461	17	20-19	15-22
Kansas City	25	50	.333	26.5	15-20	10-30

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Oakland	41	35	.539	—	21-15	20-20
Texas	40	37	.519	1.5	20-21	20-16
Seattle	39	39	.500	3	22-17	17-22
L.A. Angels	35	42	.455	6.5	17-21	18-21

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
N.Y. Mets	47	29	.618	—	22-15	25-14
Philadelphia	35	40	.467	11.5	18-23	17-17
Florida	34	40	.459	12	17-17	17-23
Atlanta	33	45	.423	15	14-20	19-25
Washington	33	45	.423	15	15-19	18-26

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
St. Louis	42	34	.553	—	24-15	18-19
Cincinnati	41	36	.532	1.5	17-20	24-16
Milwaukee	39	39	.500	4	25-17	14-22
Houston	38	40	.487	5	25-18	13-22
Chicago	28	48	.368	14	12-22	16-26
Pittsburgh	26	52	.333	17	18-21	8-31

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
San Diego	40	36	.526	—	20-21	20-15
L.A. Dodgers	40	37	.519	0.5	23-16	17-21
Colorado	39	38	.506	1.5	20-18	19-20
San Fran.	38	38	.500	2	21-20	17-18
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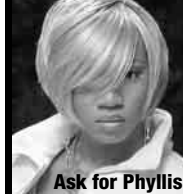


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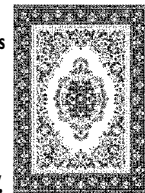
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Television



LOOKING FOR A CHANGE: "Will and Grace's" Megan Mullally is producing "Passing Strange," about a newlywed pressed by in-laws to get plastic surgery. Meanwhile, the fall's "Megan Mullally Show" is expected to be more painful than a Botox shot.

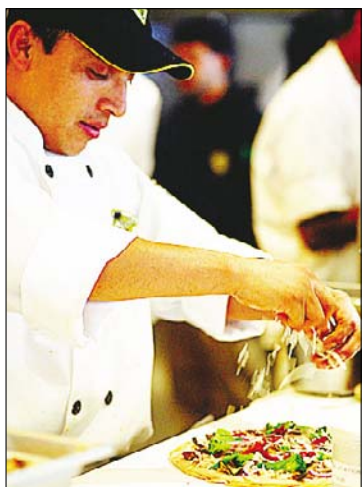
The Circles of Life

'American Eats' chomps down on the business of food

MMM, GOOD | Every Thursday night through Aug. 17, The History Channel's "American Eats" offers historical insight, trivia and vintage footage about "Hot Dogs," "Ice Cream" and "BBQ."

“Eats” concentrates on the history — specifically the business history — behind each American delicacy.

Tonight's "Pizza" takes a chronological approach, covering the legendary New Yorkers who brought



GO YEAST, YOUNG MAN: A “pizzaiolo” tops a pie at California Pizza Kitchen.

pizza from their native Italy to their adopted homeland and crowded neighborhoods. According to “Eats,” Pizza remained an Italian-American phenomenon until World War II, when American soldiers stationed in Italy got a taste of cheap, delicious fare.

This history of American pizza is short on culinary aesthetics and long on the development of new ways to mass produce, synthesize, automate and idiot-proof the production of identical pies.

And how's this for a twisted slice of pop culture? According to "Eats," the busiest night in pizza-delivery history occurred in 1994 when upwards of 100 million Americans watched O.J. Simpson's infamous white-Bronco chase. KEVIN MCDONOUGH
(UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

IT SEEMS TO BE CLOUDING OVER Charlie's wheelchair-bound status gives the gang something to ponder on the second season premiere of **IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN PHILADELPHIA** (10 p.m., FX).

THAT BOY IS BAD NEWS

HEX (10 p.m., BBC America) The evil Azazel takes control of unwilling teenage witch Cassie.

CULT CHOICE

A British raider (Errol Flynn) plunders Spanish ships and treasure in the 1940 thriller **THE SEA HAWK** (8 p.m., TCM).

HOW 'ISHTAR' HAPPENED

BOFFO! TINSELTOWN'S BOMBS AND BLOCKBUSTERS (9 p.m., HBO) celebrates "Variety" magazine's 100th birthday. Stars, directors and producers offer a litany of anecdotes and reflect on the



HAVE A SEAT: It looks like things aren't too bad for Charlie, center, in "Sunny."

mysterious differences between making a hit and making a bomb. It's fun, but goes on far too long. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

6:29.06		6:00 PM		6:30		7:00		7:30		8:00		8:30		9:00		9:30		10:00		10:30		11:00		11:30	
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	4	News			NBC Nightly News			Access Hollywood		My Name Is Earl		The Office		My Name Is Earl		The Office		Windfall "Running With the Devil" (N)		News		Tonight Show		
	WTTG	5	Seinfeld	1		The Simpsons	1		Seinfeld	1	That '70s Show		That '70s Show		So You Think You Can Dance				News		Geraldo at Large		King of the Hill	1	
	WJLA	7	News		ABC Wld News		Wheel of Fortune		Jeopardy!	(N)	Master of Champions	(N)	1		Primetime A high-profile murder trial in a small, Southern town. (N)				News				(35) Nightline		
	WJLA	9	News		CBS News		9News Tonight		Entertainment		Gameshow Marathon "Family Feud"				CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	1	Without a Trace "Rage" 1		News				Late Show		
	WDCA	20	King of the Hill	1	That '70s Show		That '70s Show		Every-Raymond		Hates Chris		Love, Inc.		Eve 1		Cuts 1		The Tyra Banks Show (N)		Girlfriends		Girlfriends		
	WMPT	22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.		Business Conn.		MotorWeek (N)	1	This Old House				The Appalachians 1				Queen Victoria: Secrets of a Queen		Independent Lens 1				
	WETA	26	BBC World News		Business Rpt.		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Wild Things "Elephant Rescue" 1		American Masters "No Direction Home: Bob Dylan" 1 (Part 2 of 2)									Charlie Rose John Kerry. (N)					
	WHUT	32	Tony Brown		Tavis Smiley 1		BBC World News		Moneywise		On Africa				Health-Home		BBC World News		Tavis Smiley 1		Charlie Rose John Kerry. (N)				
	WDCW	50	My Wife and Kids		Bernie Mac		My Wife and Kids		Bernie Mac		Smallville "Solitude" 1				Supernatural "Home" 1				Friends 1		Friends 1		Sex and the City		Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E		American Justice "Framed" 1			Cold Case Files				The First 48 "Close Ties; Last Call"				Look, Up in the Sky! The Amazing Story of Superman						Crossing Jordan 1					
	Animal		The Crocodile Hunter			The Most Extreme Extreme births.				Free Diver Free diver Tanya Streeter.							Animal Precinct "Unhatched Eggs"			Free Diver Free diver Tanya Streeter.					
	BET		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)			BET Style (N)				The Parkers 1	The Parkers 1			Girlfriends		Girlfriends		Comicview		Jamie Foxx		Jamie Foxx			
	Bravo		Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List			The West Wing "100,000 Airplanes"				Ultimate Super Heroes-Villains				Ultimate Super Heroes-Villains				Last Comic Standing 1		America's Got Talent 1					
	Comedy		(5:00) ★ "House Party IV" (2000)			Reno 911! 1		Dog Bites Man		Daily Show	Colbert Report			Mind of Mencia		South Park		David Spade	South Park		Daily Show		Colbert Report		
	Court		Forensic Files		Forensic Files		Cops 1	Cops 1		Hot Pursuit (N)	Hot Pursuit			Body of Evidence		Body of Evidence		The Investigators "Double-Cross"		Hollywood Heat		Hollywood Heat			
	Discovery		How It's Made		How It's Made		Prowling Sharks in the Mediterranean			Prehistoric Sharks				Jurassic Shark				Triassic Giant		Prowling Sharks in the Mediterranean					
	DISCH		Paramedics "Desert Sirens" 1			Trauma: Life in the ER				Quintuplets! Five babies.				Conjoined Twins: Separate Steps				Maternity Ward "Worth the Risk"		Quintuplets! Five babies.					
	Disney		That's So Raven		Zack & Cody		Phil of the Future	That's So Raven		★ ★ "Life-Size" (2000, Fantasy) Tyra Banks, Lindsay Lohan.				Emperor New		American Drgn		Zack & Cody		That's So Raven					
	E!		Simple Life		Simple Life		E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)		Hollywood Sins	Hollywood Sins			THS Investigates Deadly Waters Naval tragedies.				E! News		Sat. Night Live					
	FX		King of the Hill 1		King of the Hill 1		That '70s Show	That '70s Show		★ ★ "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. Premiere.				Always Sunny		Always Sunny		Always Sunny		Always Sunny					
	HGTV		Renovation		If Walls Could		Small Space	House Hunters		Open House	reDesign			House Hunters (N)		House Hunters		Design Inc. 1		Small Space					
	Family		7th Heaven 1				7th Heaven "My Kinda Guy" 1			★ ★ ★ "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Drama) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze.				Whose Line?		Whose Line?		The 700 Club							
	History		Brothers in Arms: Untold				Movels: Cereal: History in a Bowl			Modern Marvels: Candy				Modern Marvels: Snackfood Tech				American Eats The pizza industry.		Hooked: Illegal Drugs					
	Lifetime		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		"Stranded" (2006, Suspense) Erica Durand.			★ ★ "I Do (But I Don't)" (2004) Denise Richards, Dean Cain.				Will & Grace 1				Will & Grace 1		Will & Grace 1					
	MTV		Pimp My Ride 1		Pimp My Ride 1		Run's House 1	Run's House 1		Making Band	Making Band			Making Band		Run's House (N)		Pimp My Ride (N)		Wild 'n Out 1		The Real World		The Real World	
	NICK		Ned's School		Danny Phantom		Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron		SpongeBob	Romeo! "Sell Out"			Full House		Fresh Prince		Fresh Prince		Roseanne		Roseanne		The Cosby Show	
SCIFI		Stargate SG-1 "Metamorphosis" 1			"Voodoo Moon" (2005, Horror) Eric Mabius, Charisma Carpenter.				"Android Apocalypse" (2006) Scott Bairstow, Joseph Lawrence.				"Sub Zero" (2005) Costas Mandylor.												
SPIKE		World's Wildest Police Videos			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1		UFC Unleashed 1		UFC Unleashed 1			UFC Unleashed 1				TNA IMPACT! (N) 1							
TBS		Seinfeld 1		Seinfeld 1		Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond		Friends 1		Friends 1			Friends 1		Friends 1		★ "Boat Trip" (2003, Comedy) Cuba Gooding Jr.							
TLC		While You Were Out Frat house.			99 Most Bizarre "Stunt Disasters"		99 Most Bizarre "Crimes" 1		Overhaulin' "Lemama's Boy"				Wrecks to Riches "Pony Races"				99 Most Bizarre "Crimes" 1								
TNT		Law & Order "Passion" 1			Without a Trace "The Bus" 1		★ ★ ★ "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell.		Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for OK Corral showdown.		★ ★ ★ "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.						House "The Socratic Method" 1								
USA		Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 1		Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to the Office"		Monk "Mr. Monk and Mrs. Monk"						House "The Socratic Method" 1								
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	ESPN2		Mike and Mike		Billiards		2005 U.S. Poker Championships (N)		Today at Wimbledon Marquee match from Wimbledon. (N)										Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith						
	CSN		In Focus on FSN		SportsNite		MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Baltimore Orioles. From Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore. (Live)								SportsNite (Live)				Orioles All Access		Best-Sports				
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	FNC		Special Report (Live)			The Fox Report With Shepard Smith			The O'Reilly Factor (Live)				Hannity & Colmes (Live)				On the Record-Van Susteren			The O'Reilly Factor					
	MSNBC		The Abrams Report			Hardball			Countdown With Keith Olbermann				Scarborough Country				Rita Cosby Live & Direct			The Situation With Tucker Carlson					
MOVIES	AMC		★ ★ ★ "First Blood" (1982, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. 'R' 1						★ ★ ★ ★ "The Great Escape" (1963, War) Steve McQueen. Allied POWs stage a daring escape from a Nazi prison camp. 'NR' 1														A Bridge Too Far		
	TCM		★ ★ "Niagara Falls" (1941) Marjorie Woodworth. 'NR'			MGM Parade			★ ★ ★ ★ "The Sea Hawk" (1940, Adventure) Errol Flynn. 'NR' 1						(:15) ★ ★ ★ "The Clock" (1945, Drama) Judy Garland. 'NR' 1										
	HBO		Miss Con. 2		(:45) ★ ★ ★ "Ocean's Twelve" (2004, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney. 1 'PG-13' 1				BOFFO! Tinseltown's Bombs and Blockbusters (N) 1				Cook-Tourgasm		Shock Video				Superman-Look						
	MAX		(5:15) ★ ★ "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004) 1 'PG-13'			★ ★ ★ "Superman" (1978, Science Fiction) Christopher Reeve, Gene Hackman. 1 'PG' 1			★ ★ ★ "Superman II" (1980, Fantasy) Christopher Reeve. 1 'PG' 1																
	SHOW		(5:30) ★ ★ ★ "The Paper" (1994) Michael Keaton. 'R'			★ ★ ★ "Barbershop 2: Back in Business" (2004) 'PG-13'			(:15) ★ "Def Jam's How to Be a Player" (1997) Bill Bellamy. iTV. 1 'R' 1						HUFF Huff answers Russell's call. 1										
	TMC		(:15) ★ ★ "Cornered" (2001) Alex DeCosta. 1 'NR' 1			(:45) ★ ★ "Godsend" (2004, Suspense) Greg Kinnear. 1 'PG-13' 1			★ "U-Turn" (1997, Mystery) Sean Penn, Nick Nolte. 1 'R' 1						Bukowski: Born										
	STARZ!		(4:30) Rounders		(:35) ★ ★ "Blade: Trinity" (2004, Horror) Wesley Snipes. 1 'R' 1			Hwd Reporter	★ ★ "Dark Water" (2005, Suspense) Jennifer Connelly. 1 'PG-13' 1						(10:50) ★ ★ ★ "Cliffhanger" (1993)										
ENCORE		(:15) ★ ★ ★ "My Girl" (1991, Comedy-Drama) Macaulay Culkin. 1 'PG' 1			★ ★ ★ "The Incredibles" (2004) Voices of Craig T. Nelson. 1 'PG' 1			★ ★ "Christine" (1983, Horror) Keith Gordon, John Stockwell. 1 'R' 1																	

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Travel

Big cats, Zulus and big cities make South African tourism boom

South Africa's tourist industry is on a roll. Record numbers of visitors streamed in last year and the future looks even rosier. The country boasts prolific wildlife, stunning scenery, endless beaches, a great climate and rich cultural traditions.

Its people are refreshingly friendly. It's relatively cheap. And — in a world scarred by terrorism — it has remained mercifully free of attacks.

The country that withdrew into itself — and was shunned — during the apartheid-era isolation has thrown open its doors to the rest of the world with pride.

In 1994, the year of South Africa's first democratic election, there were 3 million foreign visitors. Last year, some 7.4 million tourists arrived, a rise of more than 10 percent over 2004.

Tourist numbers are expected to explode with the hosting of the World Cup soccer finals in 2010. The industry has outperformed all other sectors of the economy and is overtaking gold mining as a top earner.

"Tourism is our gold," said Deputy President Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka. "We have to nurture it and make our country a must to see by every traveler."

Many visitors are lured by wild-life in the Kruger national park. The vast park is most famous for the Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo) but is also much loved among bird lovers.

Park rangers offer guided walks and night drives, which offer the best opportunity to see more elusive animals like leopards.

Although the Kruger is the flagship, there are game reserves



AFTER APARTHEID: Record numbers of international tourists are coming to South Africa, attracted by Zulu rituals, left, and wild game like this snarling, friendly leopard.

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Into South Africa

all over South Africa. Private ones are pricey, but the game-viewing is guaranteed.

Greater St. Lucia Wetlands Park is classed as a World Heritage Site. KwaZulu-Natal has some of the best beaches and it offers a cultural feast in Zulu traditions.

Johannesburg, the gritty commercial hub, is gaining a reputation as a happening place. A guided tour to Soweto, the sprawling township synonymous with the anti-apartheid movement and the Apartheid Museum are musts.

But the jewel in the tourism crown is Cape Town. The Mother City has more of a European than African feel to it. In contrast to the stress and the buzz of Johannesburg, Cape Town is the place to chill.

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PHUMZILE MLAMBO-NGCUKA
DEPUTY PRESIDENT, SOUTH AFRICA

The Victoria and Albert Waterfront Development is one of the country's top attractions, combining restaurants, shopping malls, boat trips — including visits to Nelson Mandela's former prison on Robben Island.

Tourist authorities offer city tours on foot. A new three-day

trip combines a guided walk around the city and a hike along Table Mountain to the stately Kirstenbosch botanical gardens.

Heading out of Cape Town, most visitors take the Garden Route, so named because of its lush vegetation. It's a pretty dull four-hour drive to the town of George — the first notable town along the route, but then after that it improves dramatically. The lagoon town of Knysna is a bit of a tourist trap, and seems more Swiss than South African.

Most visitors return to Cape Town after George or Knysna and so miss the most beautiful part of the route, including the ruggedly beautiful Tsitsikamma national park, the adventure center of Storms River Mouth and Nature's Valley.

Sick of the sea? Then a stunning alternative is the hilly inland “wine route” from Cape Town to the ostrich center of Outshoorn where you can ride on the feathered beasts, stand on their eggs (which are the size of 24 hen's eggs and take two hours to boil!) and feast on the meat.

True, there is a downside. Crime and muggings are far higher than in most other countries and hapless tourists are an easy target. It is hard to escape the poverty that remains rampant.

But the government says it is determined to do all it takes to entice more visitors.

“Our quest is to reach out to all potential customers,” Mlambo-Ngcuka. CLARE NULLIS (AP)

'Phantom' Goes Vegas

Theater

Musical gets trimmed down and dazzled up for Sin City crowds

He's keeping his brooding to under 95 minutes and disappearing amid fiery blazes. Sparks now shoot out of his sleeves, the chandelier is even more unruly and the fog machine is cranked up full blast. This is "Phantom" — The Las Vegas Spectacular.

After more than 65,000 performances in 24 countries, the longest-running show in Broadway history has gone under the knife. It will emerge Saturday as a trimmed-down, amped-up version tailored to casino audiences who have dinners to eat and slot machines to play.

"Spectacular" is just the latest attempt to translate a Broadway hit for Las Vegas visitors, an endeavor that has enjoyed only mixed success. But "Phantom" backers say they're not dealing with a Broadway show,

"The story is primary. It's always teed me off when the show got referred to as the show about the chandelier."

HAROLD PRINCE
"PHANTOM" DIRECTOR

they're dealing with the strongest "brand" in live entertainment.

"It's a very different experience," said composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, who collaborated with the show's original director, Harold Prince, to rework the show.

Costs for the new production topped \$75 million, including \$40 million for a lavish, 1,800-seat replica of the Paris Opera House constructed inside The Venetian hotel-casino.

There's less show, or at least running time, for the money. Transitions and some character development have been eliminated. The phan-



LIGHT OPERA: Andrew Lloyd Webber's Vegas "Phantom" runs only 90 minutes.

tom, his soprano and the temperamental chandelier all made the cut to accommodate Vegas' unwritten no-intermission rule.

Lloyd Webber insists that nothing was lost and only "breathtaking"

effects were gained. "They wanted surprises, we gave them surprises," said Prince, who credits the pot-boiler's longevity to its love triangle involving a disfigured outcast, a rising ingenue and a hunk.

"The story is primary. It's always teed me off when the show got referred to as the show about the chandelier. The chandelier is an effective prop that takes up very little room," he said.

The chandelier took up nearly \$5 million of the "Spectacular" budget. It shakes, splits apart and falls so quickly that a warning to audiences is posted in the theater lobby.

Producers are hoping such special effects will bring some of the 80 million people who've already seen "The Phantom of the Opera" back and save "Spectacular" from the fate suffered by some other Broadway transplants. Backers point to the international track record of "Phantom," which stretches the globe and seems unfazed by language barriers. In its 18th year on Broadway, the show is still playing to near capacity.

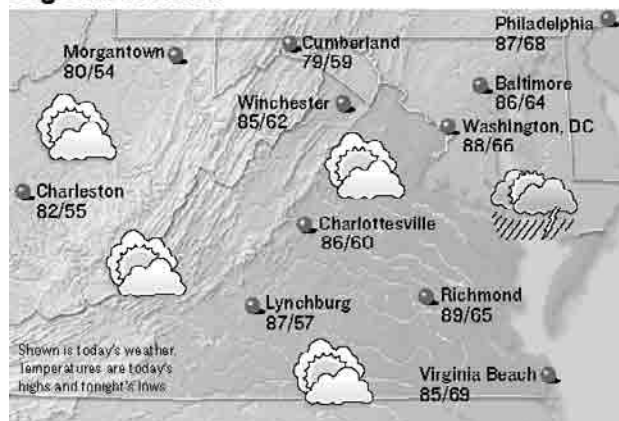
But Lloyd Webber's track record in Las Vegas isn't proven. He said he still doesn't understand why a proposal for a "Phantom"-themed resort on the strip, to be called The Phantasy, fell apart in the late 1980s. Only his "Starlight Express" has had a standing engagement, running four years in the mid-1990s.

But "Phantom," he said, seems to have no limits. "It doesn't seem to want to go away," he said. "There's always another generation wanting to see it." KATHLEEN HENNESSEY (AP)

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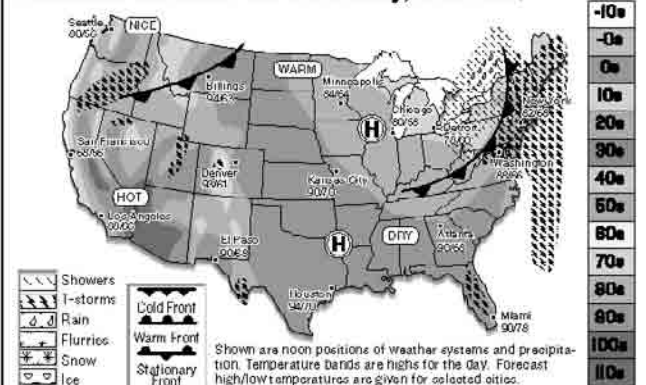
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National Weather for Thursday, June 29



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Athens	92/74/s	93/75/pc
Berlin	76/58/pc	79/59/s
Buenos Aires	59/48/pc	54/49/t
Calgary	71/54/pc	77/53/sh
Dublin	63/54/sh	63/54/sh
Geneva	76/58/c	77/51/t
Moscow	75/56/sh	73/40/pc
Rome	90/68/s	90/66/s
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Styles

Look out



Searching for the perfect mascara? **BIG FATTY** from Urban Decay gives long, thick lashes, and the hemp oil keeps them looking soft and natural. Plus, could the tube be any cuter? (\$17, Sephora)

Best in Show

What did you do without us? One year ago, we launched the Styles page; since then, we've received an enormous number of free products in the mail. While we've liked many of them, only a few have found places in the pantheon of our hearts. Here they are: The stuff we still use, still recommend and even (gasp) spend our own money on. Oh, and don't worry: Next week, we'll bring you the weirdest items we've encountered so far. (EXPRESS)



Whatever **ULTRA FACIAL CREAM** ingredient Antarcticine is (we don't ask, we just slather), it makes skin feel years younger and plumps up wrinkles like nobody's business. (\$22.50, kiehls.com)



When we ran out of Almay's **OIL FREE EYE MAKEUP REMOVER PADS**, we went out and bought more. We can bestow no higher compliment. (\$5.50, drugstores)



We mocked the **WHIRLPOOL FABRIC FRESHENER** when it came out. We were wrong. We use the portable steamer almost every week to de-wrinkle clothes for photo shoots. (\$200, whirlpool.com)



One staffer's shelf holds two foundations: an \$85 one, and **L'OREAL INFALLIBLE**. Guess which she uses? It's long-lasting and it blends easily — you just can't go wrong. (\$13, drugstores)



THE CONAIR INFINITI HAIRDRYER, which straightens as it dries, means those who love blow-outs can finally do them at home — sans a brush vs. hair deathmatch. (\$70, conairtv.com)



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Hair



Fight the Fade

Heat, sun and stress all conspire to strip your \$100 highlights. The new **SATINIQUE COLOR CAPTURE SERIES** is a three-step line aimed at extending your hair color. The shampoo (\$9.60) and conditioner (\$10.70) seem pretty typical (although we found the latter a little thin), but the color and heat protector (\$15.95) did seem to leave blown-out hair smoother and weeks-old color a little perkier. We also liked the trigger-style spray bottle. All the products are available at quixtar.com. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Hair



Biggest Surprise Ever

We think of Philosophy as a strictly novelty brand, prone to foisting cutesy flavors and inspirational sayings on its customers. Thus, we were totally floored when the **SHEAR SPLENDOR CRISIS INTERVENTION KIT** (\$35, Sephora) was the first product in years to make the straw on this writer's head look like hair. (All the items in the set — shampoo, conditioning mask and "restorative hair marinade" — are available separately in larger sizes.) The mask is the consistency of Crisco and the main ingredient in the marinade is oil. So it's not pleasant to use. But it works, so who cares? HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

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The Potomac's New Hue

FLOODING | For those who don't go upriver much, at right is the view of the **POTOMAC RIVER** at **LITTLE FALLS**, as seen from **CHAIN BRIDGE** on Wednesday. The District of Columbia is in the foreground.

Little Falls has essentially disappeared, as have most of the rocks that form the rapids in this part of the **POTOMAC GORGE**, where the river channel is fairly narrow. The fast-moving river is filled with sediment and logs, giving the water a distinguishing brownish hue.

The rock-strewn bog between the river and the **C&O CANAL**, unique to the region, has been formed by millions of years of flooding, depositing rocks and debris in the gorge which starts at the **KEY BRIDGE**.

The brown water upstream is sending a lot of logs and debris downriver past **GEORGETOWN**, where the normally slow-flowing tidal Potomac is moving at a rapid pace.

However, forecasters predict that the Potomac won't see record-breaking flooding. **MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)**

Flag-Burning Debate

Wednesday's **POLL CENTER** question on a proposed constitutional amendment banning flag burning forced readers to weigh civil liberties and patriotism.

Says commenter **FRANK**: "I really hated to vote no on this. I find it despicable for people to burn or otherwise show disrespect for some-



FLOODED OUT: Rising water on the Potomac obscures the rocks near Little Falls.

thing that represents a country that so many brave people have sacrificed their lives to defend. However, as much as it offends me, there are instances when it is done as a form of political speech, and as with so many instances, protecting that right in this case is the best way to

protect the same right when others seek to deny it. Sometimes it really hurts to do the right thing."

→ Coming up today

To understand how Ballston is growing, it's good to take a walk through this busy area of Arlington County.

Poll Center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Is Israel justified in sending its military into Gaza?

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Should the U.S. have an amendment banning flag burning?



As of 6 p.m. Wednesday. Not a scientific poll.

GIVE YOUR OPINION ON TODAY'S POLL QUESTION AND GET A STATION-BY-STATION BREAKDOWN OF HOW YOUR FELLOW METRORAIL COMMUTERS VOTED AT READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP



"I was up in the Van Ness area today and noticed [a] gas station there had a sign up for gas prices, then next to it was a sign for taxi gas prices ..."

DCCABRIDER.BLOGSPOT.COM SPOTS A GAS STATION IN NORTHWEST WASHINGTON THAT GIVES CAB DRIVERS A DISCOUNT OF 5 CENTS PER GALLON ON ALL GAS GRADES.

Peace Proposal

"The solution is simple: The disarmingly dorky Cpl. Shalit needs to be released ASAP, and top-ranking ministers in Syria and Israel ought to have a hotline chat, preferably with mutual apologizing."

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Brit Bares It All

"The mystery of Britney Spears' switch to black hair has been solved. Harper's Bazaar must have forced the girl to do it so that she didn't look like she came straight from an Eminem video shoot."

NOW THAT BRITNEY SPEARS HAS APPEARED NUDE ON A MAGAZINE COVER, **JOSSIP.COM** THEORIZES ABOUT HER MYSTERIOUS RECENT HAIR COLOR CHANGE.



SCOTUS Rules

"This is bad news for both parties, even though Republicans will pretend that it is a victory for them. But it is good that they nailed the GOP for their Voting Rights violations, just as the experts in the Justice Dept. had warned ..."

RHETORICRHYTHM.BLOGSPOT.COM REACTS TO WEDNESDAY'S SUPREME COURT RULING THAT UPHELD TEXAS' CONTROVERSIAL CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLAN, EXCEPT FOR ONE DISTRICT RULED ILLEGAL.

"There is nothing wrong with wanting to know someone's grades. There is nothing wrong with asking them directly. And there is nothing wrong with refusing directly."

BARZELAY.NET, A GEORGETOWN LAW STUDENT, POSTED HIS MOST RECENT GRADES ONLINE, GETTING A CUMULATIVE 3.28 GRADE-POINT AVERAGE.

Live Online

Writer/director/actor **KEVIN SMITH** was online on Wednesday to talk about his new film, "Clerks II," due in theaters on July 21. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

What was the motivation for making "Clerks II"? Often you hear of directors making sequels for cash?

If I was making "Clerks II" for cash, I'd have to be regarded as borderline retarded. Because there was no cash to be had. The whole flick was budgeted at 5 million — an amount I would have personally earned had I directed "The Green Hornet" movie instead. So "Clerks II" wasn't for the coin; it was for the love.

Have you ever been mistaken for one of the members of 'N Sync?

I have: Joey Fatone. I've gotten the "What happened to you? Did you stop dancing? You've put on weight." When I explain I'm not, in fact, the 'N Synch-er, they chastise me for trying to look like him. I don't mind the error, but I'm sure Mr. Fatone would be insulted by it. Nobody wants to look like me. Not even me.

Is there any truth to the rumors that the release date was moved up so it

Silent Bob Talks

wouldn't conflict with the opening of "Snakes on a Plane"?

"Snakes" definitely played a role, as we were going after the same audience: the online folks. However, the move had more to do with Cannes (and wanting to tag up with the good buzz coming out of the festival) and this excellent, two-week window in July where there was nothing else like our flick out there in the marketplace.

Which of your many movie lines do fans tend to repeat when they meet you? Also, do you mind that I named my cat Annoying Customer?

I get "What's a Nubian?" a lot. And in regards to your cat's name: expect to hear from my lawyers, sir.

→ Today on Live Online

II A.M.: Dr. Richard Kurin of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival discusses this year's events on the Mall, starting on June 30.

I.P.M.: Kim O'Donnel spends her hour-long What's Cooking show discussing all things vegetarian.

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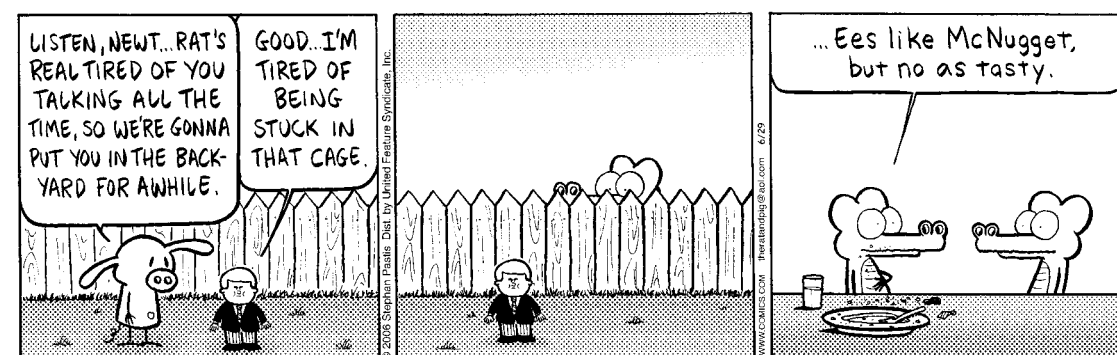
MAKE EVERYTHING LOOK LIKE A PLANET. Caricatures of Earth often feature a small sphere with cartoonishly large buildings and mountains and whatnot sprouting from it. Well, you too can give any photo that same effect by following the semi-involved step-by-step instructions on Suckup.deviantart.com.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


"I'm not sure what's wrong with you. We'll have to wait for the results to come back from the autopsy."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The only way you can show others exactly what you're after and what you expect is to show them. Your demonstration can be more than instructive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be tempted to do something out of character with the sole intent of attracting a new kind of attention. Think twice, however.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may feel as though you're on the spot. Put yourself in someone else's shoes, and things can be seen in a more balanced fashion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may find yourself caught between two conflicting desires—and neither one your own. You can strive for a compromise—and achieve it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You would prefer to be left to your own devices; you're not likely to tolerate anyone who keeps trying to look over your shoulder.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) An early start will enable you to get more done—

but much of that will be in a personal vein. You needn't focus solely upon work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may have some trouble as the day opens gathering your forces. Later on, however, you're likely to enjoy more support than you need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You mustn't fool yourself into thinking that you are deserving of anything you are not willing to work for in some way. Be realistic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You're anticipating something that isn't likely to transpire, but you may be missing signs of something that is really on the way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're likely to get what you want—and then some. You'll surely have your hands full on more than one occasion; prepare yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're not likely to agree with many other people about certain pivotal issues. Your singular point of view suits you well at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A disagreement between friends is no reason for the relationship to end. You can surely keep any threat from materializing at this time.

Letters

Animal Cruelty Isn't Funny

I HAVE TO AGREE WITH Amy Rofman's letter in the June 27 Express regarding the animal cruelty stories in EyeOpeners. Most of the animal stories in the section are nice, but there have been a few that are inap-

propriate. One in particular from a while ago was of a cow that escaped from a slaughterhouse and in a panic ran into a wall and died. That the story was presented with humor was very distasteful. I don't think anyone wants to read about something like that, especially presented in an inappropriate light.

—JASON TUNGLI-GIESE
Clifton, Va.

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Today in History

1776 The Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry made governor.

1949 The government of South Africa enacted a ban against racially mixed marriages.

1954 The Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

1967 Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.



Today in 1995, the shuttle Atlantis docked with space station Mir.

1970 The United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

1995 The shuttle Atlantis and the space station Mir docked in orbit.



All the great ones are getting so old.

TRIBUTES

Not Possibly as Moving as Katie Couric's Final Episode

NBC will salute **TONY BENNETT**'s 80th birthday with a music special, "Tony Bennett: An American Classic," to air this fall. The special will include performances by Elton John, Stevie Wonder, k.d. lang and John Legend, who perform on Bennett's upcoming album, "Tony Bennett: Duets/An American Classic." (AP)

TRUTH

He Is a Scary Man, With Wild Hair and a Hat

BOB DYLAN has played at historic Doubleday Field — music, that is. Now, he's back, and for good, just a block down Main Street in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. The museum has added the baseball episode from the famed singer-songwriter's weekly music show, "Theme Time Radio Hour," on XM Satellite Radio to its archive, it was announced Wednesday. (AP)



BUT ... BUT ...

Apologia for CNN

To those who think CNN sold its soul to **ANGELINA JOLIE** for ratings, network chief Jonathan Klein has this message: Find me a news outlet that would have turned her down. CNN attracted 1.33 million viewers for **ANDERSON COOPER**'s interview last week, more than doubling the audience Cooper typically gets. Since CNN doesn't usually traffic in the game of big celebrity "gets," it drew its share of criticism for journalistic stargazing. (AP)

HONORS

Chaka Khan: It Feels Like A Lifetime

Mary J. Blige, Kanye West, Jamie Foxx and Chris Brown were all double winners at Tuesday's BET Awards. Blige won female R&B artist. In a tie, she, West and Foxx shared the prize for video of the year. West and Foxx won the video honor for "Gold Digger," which was also named best collaboration.



A lifetime of achievement, and big hair.

(The song also won a Grammy.) **CHAKA KHAN**, who was recognized for lifetime achievement, accepted the honor in star-studded style. "I am so honored to be honored by my people. This means everything to me," she said as Stevie Wonder, Prince and others joined her on stage. (AP)

UNIONS

Nicole Kidman-Sated Aussie Media Couldn't Care Less

EMILIE DE RAVIN, who plays Claire Littleton on "Lost," has married actor Josh Janowicz. The pair, who live in Los Angeles, wed June 19 in a "small, intimate ceremony" in Melbourne, Australia.

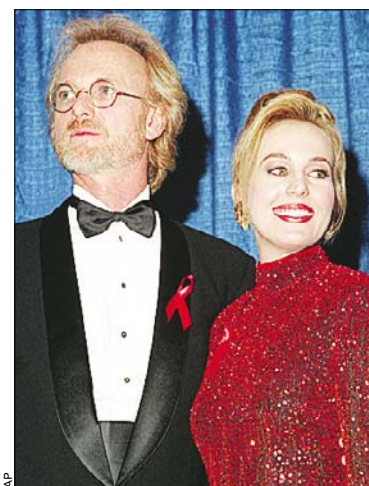


The bride wore a gown by Monique Lhuillier. De Ravin, 24, starred in the thriller "The Hills Have Eyes." Janowicz, also 24, stars in the upcoming drama "On the Doll." (AP)

MUST-SEE TV

It Was the Marisa Cooper Death of the Early 1980s!

"General Hospital" is giving fans much to talk about: the reunion of Luke and Laura Spencer, the ABC soap opera's most popular couple. **GENIE FRANCIS**, who originated the role of Laura nearly 30 years ago, will return to the show — and to the fictional town of Port Charles — to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Luke and Laura's wedding, which was seen by 30 million viewers on Nov. 16, 1981. Francis, 44, will appear in a series of episodes beginning in the middle of October, the network said. (AP)



The scruffy Anthony Geary (Luke) and the lovely Genie Francis (Laura).

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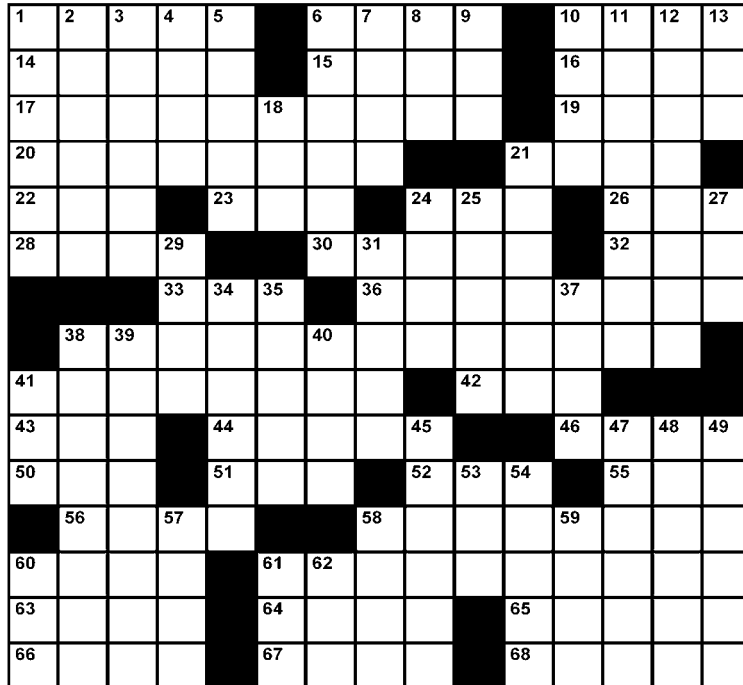
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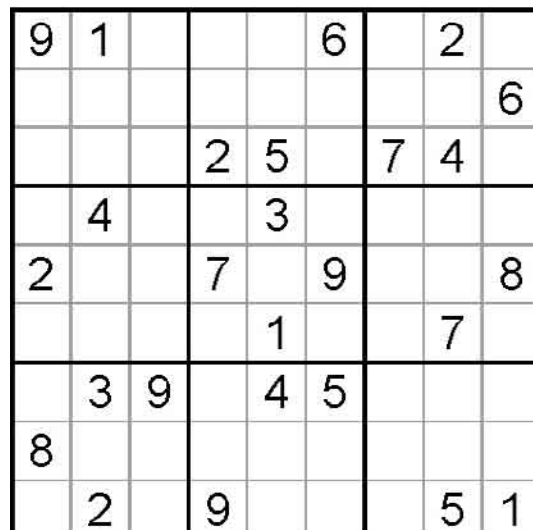


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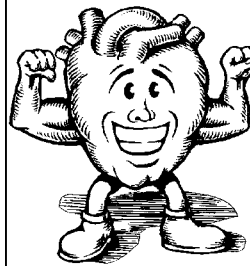


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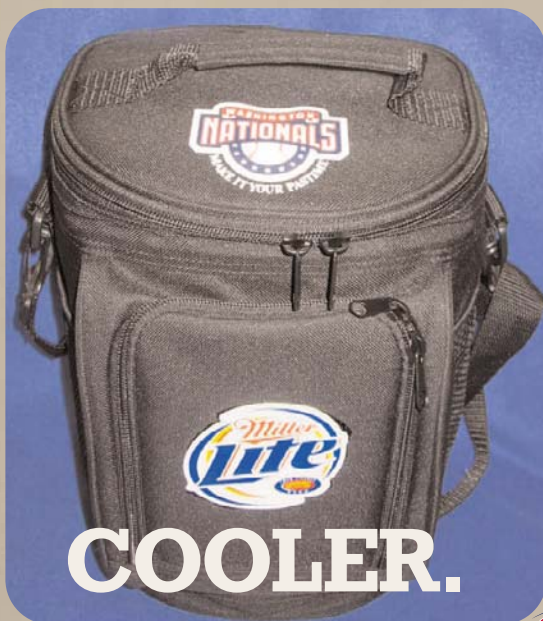
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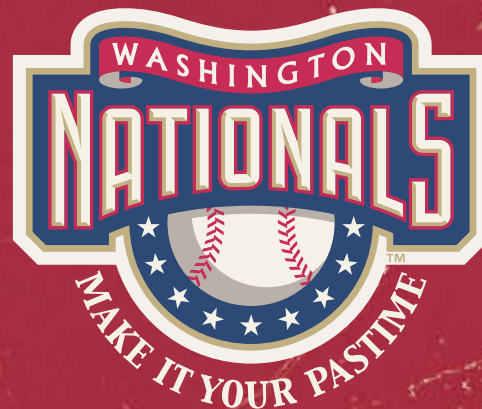
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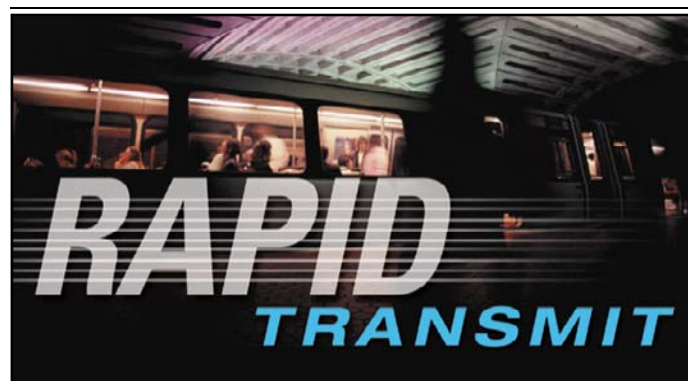
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NAME: Stephanie Monseu
GIG: Co-founder of and performer in the Bindlestiff Family Cirkus

AFTER YEARS OF performing in dingy rock clubs and underground venues, the Bindlestiffs — like so many of their vaudeville/burlesque/sideshow bretheren — are gaining respectability. Not that joining a polo club is high on the list of priorities for the artists who tour with the show begun 11 years ago by Monseu and Keith Nelson, but it's nice to see bigger and more informed audiences when the lights go down and the fire-eating begins. The Bindlestiffs come to the Birchmere Music Hall on Thursday night. We spoke with Monseu about politics, the excitement of live performance and the future of vaudeville.

What is Bindlestiff Family Cirkus?
We are the bastard stepchild of circus, sideshow, vaudeville and bur-

lesque. We take threads from each of those traditions. The troupe is all individual artists and when we come together we create a new show every year, with new acts.

What's your own role?
I'm the emcee of the show. I also do a whip-cracking act in the show; I do a fire-eating act with my partner Keith. I juggle, I also do half a dozen other acts.

So what's on tap for curiosity-seekers?
You'll see David Didd, who does a slack-rope walk; you will be rocked by the monster organ sound of Skip [pronounced "skip"]. You'll see Mr. Pennygaff doing a classic sideshow sword-swallowing demonstration and he also does a really great vintage top-spinning act. Scotty the Blue Bunny is our costumed curiosity — half man, half animal, one hundred percent pure lover.



HOT TIMES: Mistress Philomena breathes fire and cracks a mean bullwhip.

So it's a variety.
Oh, it's definitely a variety. We're not a traditional one-ring circus. We're more akin to a European one-ringer in the sense that it's a very intimate experience.

To what do you attribute the resurgence of interest in vaudeville?
I think the '80s and '90s were all about ... isolating yourself from society. I feel that people wanted

to experience something live again; the exciting thing about circus and burlesque and sideshow is that it's extremely physical and intimate.

For more of this conversation, please visit readexpress.com

So where does one train in arts that had been virtually dying?
Interestingly enough, it's not dying. ... There's a big youth circus movement, so the future of it is guar-

"We're more akin to a European one-ringer ... it's a very intimate experience."

anteed. There are burlesque classes in every major city in the U.S. "Vaudeville" is no longer an obscure word; people understand it.

How can you incorporate politics into sideshow routines?
How can you not? I marvel when I look around and don't see so much political art. You don't see it much in mass culture — for Christ's sake, we're at war. Each of us finds ways to talk about what affects us in our performance. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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The Mystery in the Parlor

'Hedda Gabler' remains theater's most enigmatic role

STAGE | As the titular anti-heroine in "Hedda Gabler," Julie-Ann Elliott is constantly moving, whether pacing about bored or ensnaring her prey.

It's a good thing she has her pistols to keep her busy.

Running in repertory with "An Enemy of the People" as part of Olney's "Ibsen Experiment," the play inhabits the cozy Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab from now through most of July.

The perennial question of Hedda's villainy is not so easily answered in Olney Theatre's presentation of Henrik Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler," a portrayal of one of the



DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE: Beneath its placid surface, Hedda's life is in turmoil.

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Hedda is an unhappy newly-

wed whose world is thrown into chaos when old lover Ilert Lovborg (Jeffries Thaiss) returns and threat-

ens her dopey husband George Tesman's (Christopher Lane) academic success. With new mistress, ground-breaking manuscript and sobriety in hand, Ilert's arrival brings out Hedda's conniving and jealous nature.

Elliott is fun to watch as Hedda offends her husband's aunt, threatens to burn a rival's hair and tempts Ilert to drink. Is she evil, or merely trying to exert control in a world in which men dictate her destiny?

When Hedda's machinations fail, she finds herself even more trapped by the men around her. But of course, she finds a way to have the final word. **ERIN TROMPETER**

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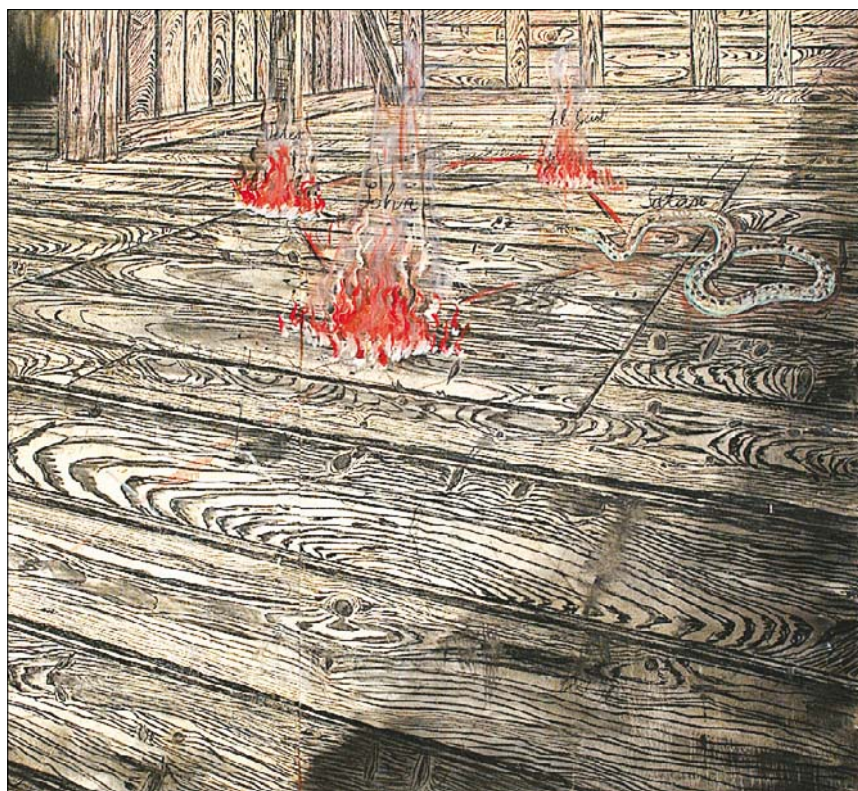
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Lead, Muck & Stars

Anselm Kiefer's earthy artworks explore the spiritual

MUSEUMS | The world is in a world of hurt right now because too many people refuse to see magic books as just that: magic. Anselm Kiefer doesn't have that problem.

The sacred text is a central trope of his work. It features prominently in "Anselm Kiefer: Heaven and Earth," the thematically oriented show that just opened at the Hirshhorn.

But holy writ is never seen by Kiefer as something handed down from on high, imposed on the terrestrial sphere by a force beyond all reckoning. For Kiefer, religion is inextricably bound up with culture and history. The spiritual realm is always in flux, always being lived out in disparate ways by different nations and creeds. "Whenever knowledge becomes rigid it stops living," Kiefer told curator Michael Auping in an interview printed in the show's catalog.

In the early '80s, Kiefer seemed relevant to the Euro-American

vogue for neo-expressionism: big, sometimes-sloppy paintings by outsized personalities. In the years since, most of those folks, particularly the Americans — Julian Schnabel, Robert Longo, David Salle — haven't fared so well in critical esteem. In hindsight, the hubbub looks faddish.

But in the first large-scale American show Kiefer has had in almost 20 years, the German artist — who has been

based in an extensive complex in Barjac, France, for nearly a decade and a half — reaffirms his position as an artist grappling seriously and capably with weighty issues. In Larry Gagosian's gallery in Chelsea, Kiefer's amalgams of sculpture and painting can seem big for their own sake. But at the Hirshhorn, out of the commercial context (you need

to forget a major work can bring \$2 million) and given enough breathing room, they make sense on their own terms.

A ruined library of lead books sags under the weight of our failed comprehension of the infinite. A giant upended sunflower reads as a dead star tethered to the planet it once warmed.

If you missed Auping's lecture last Thursday, it might have been for the best. The day before, he was almost too clear in laying out Kiefer's symbology, depriving the artist's multifaith mysticism of the obscurity it thrives on.

It's better to give yourself over to the mystery of the painterly alchemy incarnated in Kiefer's skilled distressing of base elements. (A wiser choice of event might be painter Maggie Michael's July 14 lecture about Kiefer's use of materials.)

After all, whenever knowledge becomes rigid it stops living.

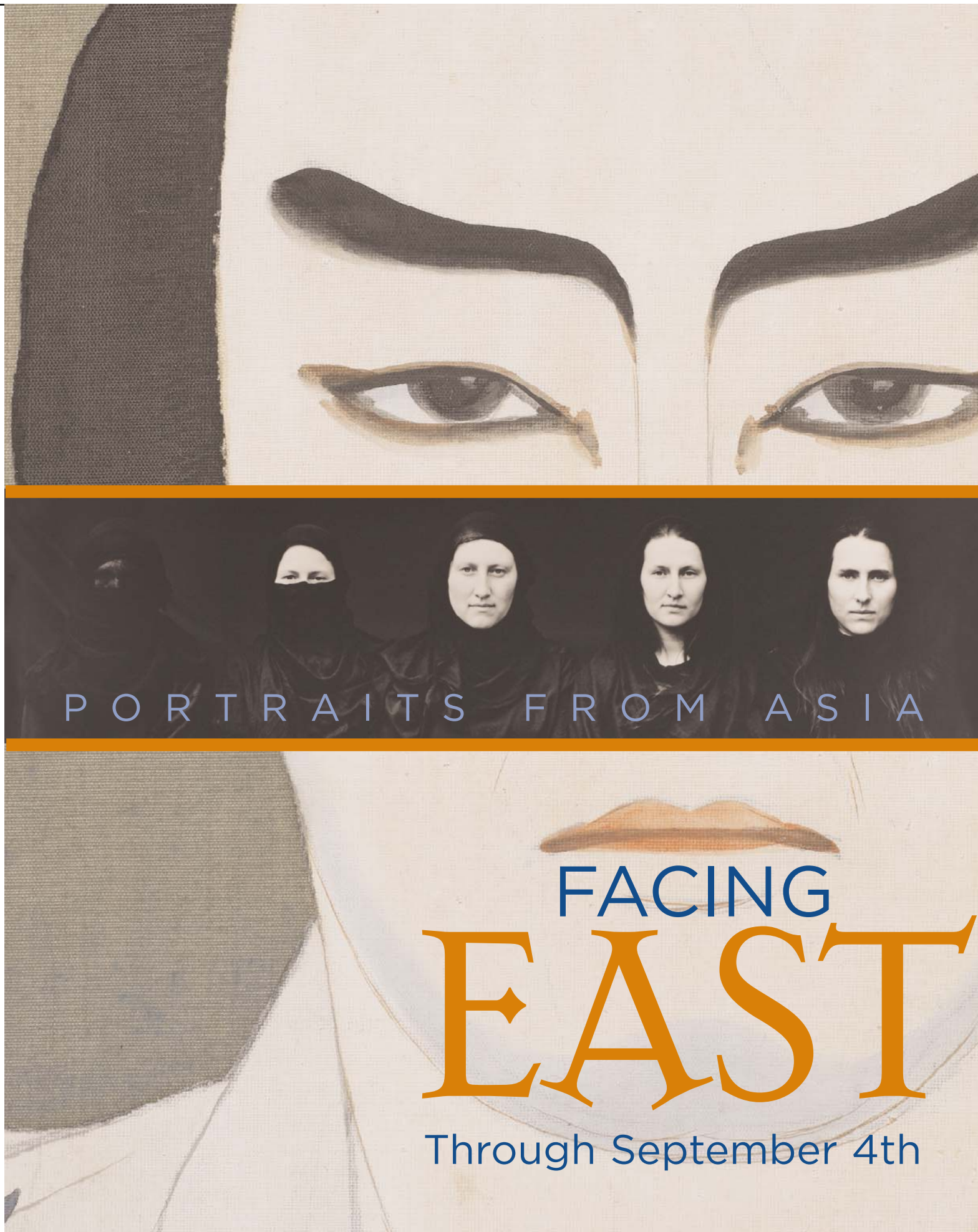
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"Quaternity" and "Resurrexit," top left and right, both from 1973, struggle with big questions about purpose, fate, faith and the yawning abyss. "Book With Wings," from the '90s, is both more literal and more mystical.



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Getting Trippy With It

Fiery Furnaces tap into the scattered sensibility of youth

MUSIC | Fresh off their fourth album, "Bitter Tea" — indie faves the Fiery Furnaces come to burn up the 9:30 Club on Friday. Express chatted with the brother half of the Matt and Eleanor Freiburger sibling duo about childhood and "arbitrary rock."

People have their own ideas of what rock means. Is that limiting?

"How can you dare make another rock record, when there's so many already?" [New records] have to be different in small ways for them to be legitimate at all. ... But we think of [our records] as rock, regular rock in the proper rock tradition.



FAMILY ALBUM: On "Bitter Tea," siblings Matt and Eleanor Freiburger imagine their grandmother as a piano-playing child.

What was your overarching theme?

The record was supposed to be a companion with the record we made with our grandmother [2005's "Rehearsing My Choir"]. ... It's sup-

posed to be character our grandmother plays, as if she was an 8- to 13-year-old piano student. A lot of it has a prepubescent, fun morbid-ity to it.

It feels very flitting and jumpy.

Since it's about a girl ... maybe it would have a lot of campy backward vocals and pounding away on minor chords. That's the brazen excuse for

a lot of the stuff on the record.

When people call music "arbitrary," it's usually meant negatively.

I would think "arbitrary" would be a good term — surprising, as opposed to dead. Rock music is so similar, and the rules are so similar, that if someone follows the rules, it's not likely to sound living.

Fiery Furnaces — pioneers of "arbitrary rock."

Stuff isn't really woven together on the record. The songs all come from these little, simple elements we play with.

That sounds trippy.

Yes, "trippy" meaning "psychedelic." ... I thought that feel was appropriate for a young person's story.

Maybe childhood is kind of trippy.

If you think about it, everything is trippy. CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

→ 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; with Man Man, Land of Talk, Fri., 9 p.m., \$15; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)

Sing Out, March Sisters

'Little Women' come to Washington with songs in their hearts

STAGE | It was only a matter of time before someone brought "Little Women" to the stage and set it to music. The national tour of the Broadway hit struck out in August 2005 and makes a summer stop at the Kennedy Center. Kate Fisher, who plays quintessential tomboy Jo March, discussed the production via telephone.

What's so special about this story?

The great thing about this story is that it's very universal. It's about people on the downside of world advantage. The story shows that you can be anything you want if you put your heart and mind into it.

How do you think music enhances the story?

When you have really great characters, it's a great catalyst for bursting into song. That's the idea behind musicals — that the characters



Maureen McGovern as March matriarch Marmee in 2004 in New York.

are so full of emotion that words aren't enough.

You have tons of local relatives. How do you like performing in front of them?

I can perform for 6,000 strangers with no problem, but performing for family is nerve-racking. I am 100 percent the Jo in the family. The audience is laughing because of all the things Jo does, but my family is laughing because they grew up with these things.

There's a theory that life's natural Jos really just want to be Amy. Do you see any truth to that?

That's an interesting theory. I don't know a single Jo who would want to be Amy, but they probably want the acceptance that Amy gets.

What's your favorite scene to play?

My favorite is probably the final scene with Professor Bhaer. It's a wonderful, charming scene to watch them fall in love. One of the reasons I love it is because I've been working my butt off for two hours and it's nice to have a break.

ERIN TROMPETER

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A MATTER OF WHO: The Sackler Gallery explores cultural and personal identity in the Ancient Near East through the faces of kings, peasants, actors and others in "Facing East: Portraits From Asia," opening Saturday.

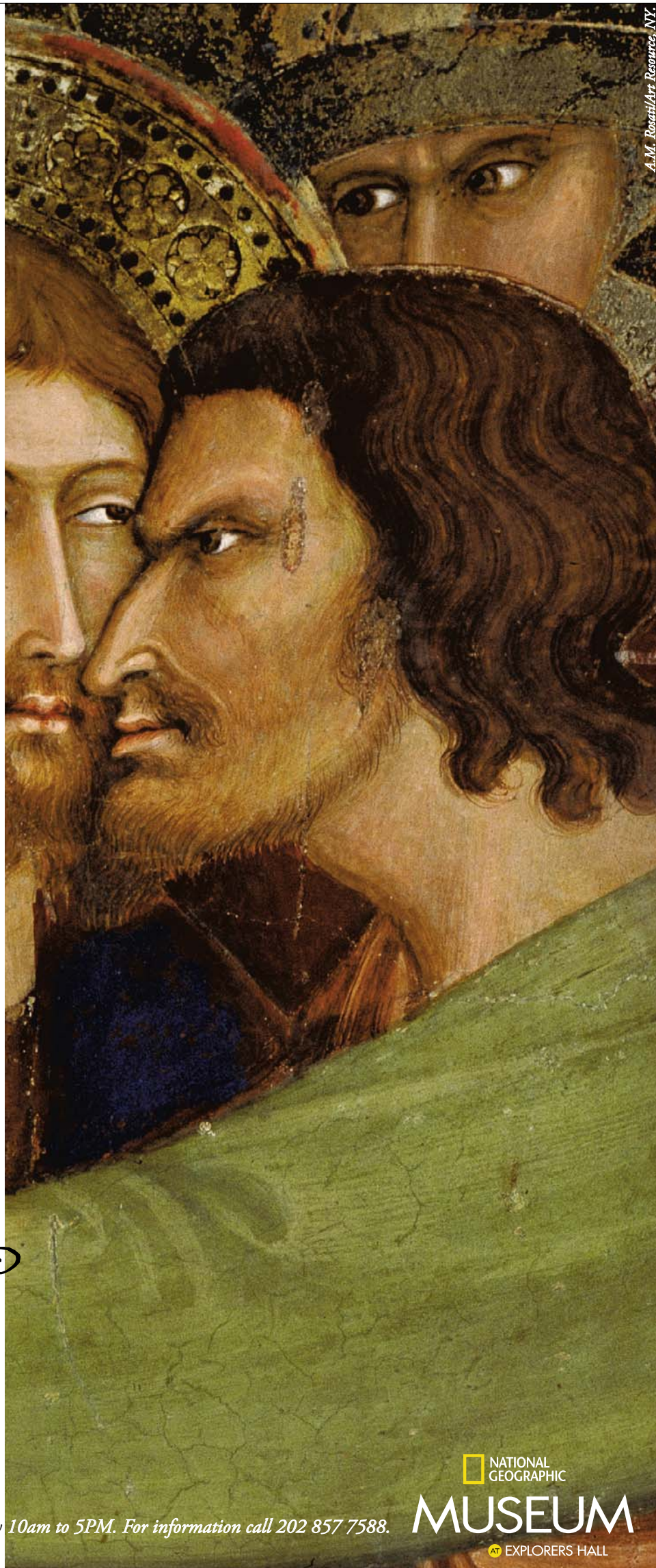
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MUSEUMS | What lurks under the cloak of Priapus? If you're accustomed to reading disclaimers for erectile-dysfunction drugs or have recently boned up on your Greek mythology, you know.

A more puzzling question is posed in the National Gallery of Art's "Bellini, Giorgione, Titian, and the Renaissance of Venetian Painting": What lurks *inside* the cloak of Priapus?

The answer, as revealed by microscopic analysis of a sliver of paint from Giovanni Bellini and Titian's "Feast of the Gods," is a veritable spumoni of mineralogical wonder. And the lewd Mr. P. doesn't get all the glory. The orange robe of Silenus, whose braying ass awakened the nymph who was about to be set



UNDERNEATH IT ALL: For all we know, Giovanni Cariani's "Concert," could have been painted over dogs playing poker.

upon, glows with a mixture of orpiment, a yellow arsenic sulfide, and red lake, which combines ruddy organic pigment

with an inorganic base.

Nested inside a summer blockbuster of the marvels of the *cinquecento* brush is another exhi-

bition altogether, a technological perusal of these 500-year-old artifacts.

X-rays reveal that Giorgione

unpimped the headgear of one of the sages in his "Three Philosophers." An infrared reflectogram of the "Gypsy Madonna" makes plain Titian's underdrawing.

Shooting light that lies outside the visible spectrum at artworks whose fame rests on precisely how they reflect the rays we can see has an older history than you might imagine. More than 70 years ago, Johannes Wilde of Vienna's Kunsthistorisches Museum used x-radiography to attempt to uncover Venetian artists' working methods and ease the task of attribution. But technology has improved greatly since.

Should you desire merely to goggle at awe-inspiring masterpieces, they're in abundance. But if you want to better understand how masterpieces result from hidden compounds of human design, error and correction; of industry, innovation and experiment, science can help pull back the curtain. **GLENN DIXON**

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Good-for-You Rhymes

Aceyalone's rap nourishes the mind and pleases the feet

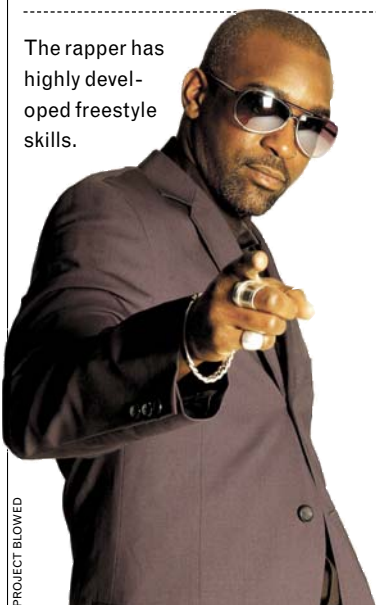
MUSIC | Most rappers spit lyrics like fast food, providing nothing more than empty calories. But not Los Angeles rhymers Aceyalone, whose heady verses are more like an organic sound feast than a carton of McNuggets.

So it's only fitting that the MC who headlines The Storm Tour at the Black Cat on Saturday first garnered major praise through weekly open mic nights at a health-food store. His fiercely independent Freestyle Fellowship clique all but concocted the blueprint of freestyle rapping, and throughout his more than 15-year career, he's been setting the standard for spontaneous rhyming and regularly dismantling lyrical foes.

As he says on a cut from his new-

est disc, "I'm Aceyalone, how can I be of service? What else do you need besides superb wordage?" There's plenty of complex, yet magnetic wordplay on "Magnificent City," a head-nodding disc joining the

The rapper has highly developed freestyle skills.



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skilled wordsmith with indie producer Rjd2.

Though the popular beatmaker won't be manning the decks for the Black Cat performance, the show also boasts a slew of notable DIY hip-hoppers including Diverse, the Procussions and Ugly Duckling — a Long Beach, Calif., trio with an unabashed affinity for classic rap tracks. In fact, their stellar producer/DJ Young Einstein wears his admiration for hip-hop's golden age around his neck in the form of an enormous gold rope thick enough to choke a pit bull.

While the DJ's comical chain might be a fake, the night's witty and conceptual wordplay certainly won't be — making this one Storm not to avoid. **CRAIG SMITH**

→ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Sat., 9 p.m., \$15; 800-551-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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ALMOST SEMI-FAMOUS: It's a battle of the Ashley(e)s, a bottle-blond smackdown and dueling ex-reality TV star cage match at the Warner Theatre on Friday night as Jessica's little sister steps up to the mic to sing — we hope, anyway — her faux-rock hits and former O-Towner Angel spreads his wings. Give them room, people. This could get ugly.

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Building a Better Band

British 'it' duo Psapp looks beyond guitars to make some noise

MUSIC | Chances are you haven't seen the bizarre array of musical implements that the British duo Psapp, who will be opening for Jose Gonzalez and Juana Molina Friday at Black Cat, uses to attain its sound, from stamping on the floor to toys to scissors.

"We're constantly using sounds," said Psapp vocalist Galia Durant. "Some of them would be classified as unusual in that they're not obvious instruments. Carim [Clasmann, guitar and producer], plays my bottom on one of our tracks with drumsticks and that sounded pretty good."

Clasmann said he couldn't

think of anything too abstract to use to create the unique electronic pop sound found on Psapp's latest album, "The Only Thing I Ever Wanted."

That distinctiveness has landed them a coveted spot on "The O.C." and the band's "Cosy in the Rocket" was nabbed for the theme song to the hit show "Grey's Anatomy."

But that exposure hasn't changed anything for the British twosome. They continue to ply their trade with ambient noises and found instruments in an effort to create something different.

"We're always making noises," Durant said. "There's something frustrating about hearing the same noises over and over again. We try as much as possible to play noises that are unique. There's something a lot more satisfying about work-



'TOYS, BITS AND PIECES': Galia Durant and Carim Clasmann have invented instruments and contraptions to capture the unique sounds they heard in their heads.

ing with noises that you created yourself."

One of these self-created instruments is a contraption made out of elastic bands that has a sound similar to a double bass, Durant said.

Considering the diversity of instruments and the intricacy of the music, a live tour seems almost implausible. But Durant and Clasmann have reworked the music to be performed by the touring band.

Joining Durant's sensual vocals and Clasmann's guitar are a drummer, keyboard player, bass player and a backing vocalist. Some of those musicians serve double duty, playing what Durant describes as toys, bits and pieces and making odd noises.

"We wanted to keep the energy of the recording," Clasmann said. "We didn't just want to play back the track." **SCOTT ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)**

→ **Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., with Jose Gonzalez, Juana Molina, 9:30 p.m., \$15; 800-551-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)**

Steep Learning Curve

'The Faculty Room' is ground zero for many modern-life illnesses

STAGE | High-school teachers ordinarily have it rough: tests to grade, boring pep rallies to chaperone, beligerent teenagers to deal with.

But in "The Faculty Room," playwright Bridget Carpenter adds student-teacher affairs, an omnipresent principal and the Rapture to the schedule. Forget "Beverly Hills: 90210" or even "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," this show's more like "Fast Times at Screwed-Up High."

The black dramedy centers on four beleaguered teachers who gather in the depressing faculty lounge at Madison-Feurey High to kvetch about their eavesdropping principal and fervently religious or gun-toting students.

Drama teacher Zoe Batholemew (Megan Anderson) has a past with English department sarcast Adam Younger (Ethan T. Bowen), as evidenced by their constant bick-



TEACH YOUR CHILDREN: Michael Russotto, Megan Anderson and Ethan Bowen.

ering. New history instructor Carver Durand (Michael Willis) seems all goodness and effective teaching methods.

This being Woolly Mammoth, though, things soon take a turn for the dark and strange. Each teacher must deal with Lolita issues, students outside the lounge door become restless and Zoe begins cutting herself with some of the school's banned X-Acto knives.

Carpenter's one-liners often zing, and watching Anderson and especially the delightfully nebbishy Bowen deliver such pithy dialogue is like going back to 12th grade and spying on your snarkiest teachers, and that makes up for some muddy moments. **JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)**

→ **Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; through July 9, \$30-\$48; 202-289-2443.**

LIVE HARDCORE | HELLO, KIDDIES



ONE NIGHT ONLY: Supreme Commander rose from the ashes of beloved local hardcore band Daycare Swindlers, but DCS is not out of the picture. The Clash-inspired, melodic punk-ska band's getting back together for a reunion show with a monster lineup — the Goons, the Twats, Alleged Bricks and hey, Supreme Commander — at the 9:30 Club on Saturday.

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SPINNING THE PAST: DJ Spinna, a mad crate-digger, unearths old classics, bizarre rarities and cutting-edge tracks for his wide-ranging but danceable sets.

History of Turntables

DJ Spinna's sets take dance floors back to the future

OUT & ABOUT | No one throws a party like DJ Spinna. He's proficient not only with playing deep house; he can bounce sublimely among broken-beat, hip-hop, disco and vintage R&B without missing a beat.

As his Saturday performance at Bohemian Caverns will prove, DJ Spinna stays at the top of his game by keeping his eyes on the future while anchoring his sensibilities in the tradition.

His sophomore album, "Intergalactic Soul," is indicative of that gift. It boasts his signature sound of spacey keyboard flourishes, butt-caressing bass lines and inventive rhythms with solid songcraft.

Recruiting top-tier talents such as singers Eric Roberson, Lizz Fields, Stephanie McKay and Phonte from Little Brother, among

others, "Intergalactic Soul" ups the ante from his impressive 2003 debut "Here to There," showcasing his ability to fuse electronica and sample-based music with live instrumentation.

An avid collector of vintage keyboards — and, of course, a mad crate-digger — Spinna's aware that his DJ sets often play out a tremendous historic arc, featuring smile-inducing classics as well as cutting-edge newcomers.

"When I DJ, I'm always celebrating my passion for music," he said. "And it's important to me that the audience remembers our musical forefathers."

"I always try to mix it all up so that people don't forget what's happened in the past; because today's American radio is very jaded. The youth isn't really being educated."

JOHN MURPH

→ **Bohemian Caverns**, 2001 11 St. NW, Fri., 11 p.m., \$10; 202-299-0800. (U St.-Cardozo)

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Dressing For Success

Anne Hathaway steps up to high heels in a wicked new satire

ACTING HER AGE | Anne Hathaway is growing up fast.

The 23-year-old actress, who got her big break as a klutzy teen in "The Princess Diaries," opposite legend Julie Andrews, has graduated to more serious roles. She was a feisty cowgirl in last year's "Brokeback Mountain," and stars alongside another acting luminary, Meryl Streep, in "The Devil Wears

Prada," which opens tomorrow.

In "Devil," based on Lauren Weisberger's best-selling book, Hathaway plays the beleaguered assistant to the icy, demanding editor (Streep) of a Vogue-like fashion magazine. Swept up in her career, her character goes from geek-to-chic, but struggles with the price of success.

Have you ever had a job as an assistant?

I've honestly been really lucky. My only jobs have been babysitting and acting.



INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE: Hathaway plays the harried helper to Meryl Streep's diva.

What do you want to happen with your career?

I'd like to be a working actor. I know it sounds very simple, but the importance of that cannot be overstated.

ed. ... I want to work with people [who] frighten me and excite me, and characters that I don't believe I'm the best person for the part but I'm still gonna try anyway. Those

are my favorite roles.

Do you want to be a movie star?

I don't feel comfortable doing movies. It's not what I trained to do. I trained to be a theater actress. You put me on a stage in front of 2,000 people, I know what to do. You put me in front of a camera, I'm like, "Duh." Although I'm still terrified of it ... I've kind of grown to love it, and it is its own art form.

What do you do when you're not acting?

I'm a pretty boring person. I have a dog that I love, and a boyfriend that I love, and friends that I love, and a family that I love. I'm just trying to spend as much time with them as I can.

You've managed to stay out of trouble and out of the tabloids.

I feel like right now I've been given so many opportunities I don't want to mess it up with those things. ... I got my partying out of my system in college. ERIN CARLSON (AP)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Click

What's wrong with this movie is star Adam Sandler and his aggressive, hostile sense of humor. He's a self-ish, self-absorbed, smug little weenie.

STEPHEN HUNTER

2 Cars

"Cars" is set in a world so auto-normative that even the mountain ranges look like tail fins. It's great fun.

STEPHEN HUNTER

3 Nacho Libre

Is it funny? Now and then. Stupid? Very. Racist? Possibly. Ugly? Profoundly. Wild? Undeniably. Singular? Completely.

STEPHEN HUNTER

4 Waist Deep

Not a great movie but an interesting one, a combination of exploitative 'hood flick and meditation on trust and love—thug love, romantic love and, most important, parent-child love.

TERESA WILTZ

5 The Fast and the



CHANGE THE CHANNEL: If Sandler could turn back time, he could get a new act.

Furious: Tokyo Drift

It is indeed fast (lots of cars going vrr-room); it is furious (lots of testosterone-induced fist fights) and the plot does drift mindlessly.

TERESA WILTZ

6 The Lake House

Like something conceived by Stephen King after an overdose of Valentine cards, it's sugary sweet and based on a premise that's just ridiculous.

STEPHEN HUNTER

7 The Break-Up

As squabbling exes, Jennifer Aniston's uptight Brooke may be right, but Vince Vaughn's Gary is funny. And in comedy, serious loses and funny wins.

DESSON THOMSON

8 Garfield: A Tail Of Two Kitties

Nothing happens that you haven't seen before, although if you haven't seen it before, you might crack a smile or two.

STEPHEN HUNTER

9 X-Men: The Last Stand

The superheroes look great, and the script carries whiffs of adolescent anxiety, but director Brett Ratner shows little finesse.

ANN HORNADAY

10 The Da Vinci Code

The most controversial thriller of the year, based on the best-selling novel, turns out to be about as exciting as watching your parents play Sudoku.

ANN HORNADAY

Indies&Arties

Big-Screen TV

The Library of Congress' "Treasures From the Film Vaults" series continues with TV adventures on the big screen. See episodes from "77th Bengal Lancers," "The Adventures of Sir Lancelot," "Ivanhoe" and "Sir Francis Drake."

→ *Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave. SE; Fri., 7 p.m., 202-707-5677.*

Sean Connery

In 1981, "Outland" was described as "High Noon in outer space," and that's all you need to know about this space/horse-opera with Connery (feted by the AFI this month) as a marshal on one of Jupiter's moons. It screens on Friday at 6 p.m. and on Sunday at 1:10 p.m.; the retrospective runs through July 6.

→ *AFI Silver, 98633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 310-495-6700. (Silver Spring)*

Squirrels & Swans

The natural world is explored in two kid-friendly noontime films. On Saturday, plunge into "A Squirrel's World"; Sunday features "A Tale of Two Swans."



Turkish DJ Mercan Dede and his record collection in "Sounds of Istanbul."

→ *Natural History Museum, 10th Street & Constitution Ave. NW; 202-633-1000.*

'Crossing the Bridge'

Director Fatih Akin ("Head-On") follows Alexander Hacke, a member of the German industrial band Einstürzende Neubauten, as he uses a mobile recording studio to capture "The Sounds of Istanbul" in this documusical, tuning in on rock bands, street musicians, divas, DJs and whirling dervishes.

→ *E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; opens Fri., 202-452-7672. (Metro Center)*

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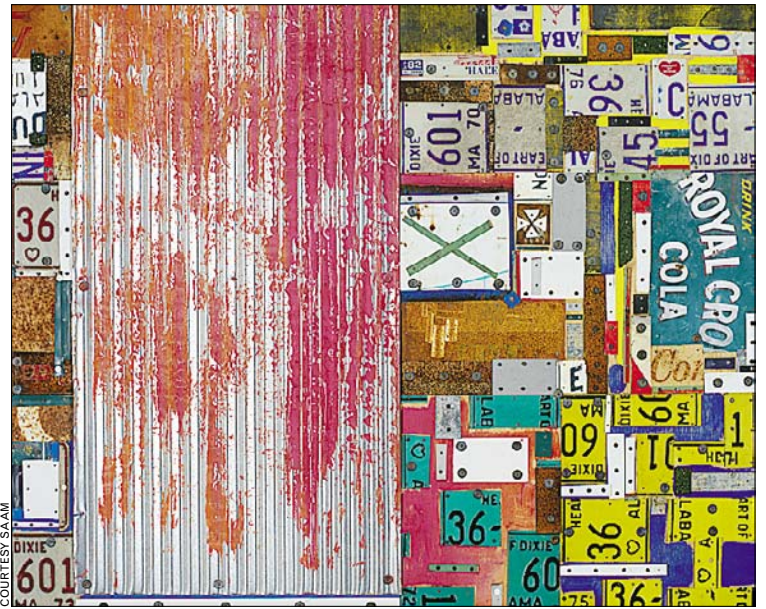
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SOUTHERN LIGHTS: American artist William Christenberry's "Alabama Wall I" (1985), is one of the works in the just-reopened Museum of American Art.

Art for All The People

Two Smithsonians re-open with old faves and new draws

MUSEUMS | Even if it's not the closest Metro stop to their destination, tourists get off at the Smithsonian because that's where the Smithsonian is, right? Some probably go to Gallery Place looking for ... well, you know.

In recent years it's become increasingly difficult to find art around Gallery Place. That will change Saturday when the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the National Portrait Gallery celebrate their splashy, fun-filled reopening (among the attractions: Andy Warhol look-alike, free ice cream).

Both museums house beloved oddities that might not be given pride of place elsewhere. Old favorites — from Alice Neel's saggy nude self-portrait to James Hampton's foil-crusted outsider altar "Throne of the Third Heaven of the Nations' Millennium General Assembly" — are back on view.

It was always easy to roam

absentmindedly from one museum to the other, but now that both come under the umbrella of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture, the spaces interweave a bit. Atop it all is the Luce Foundation Center for American Art, whose open storage grants greater access to even odder corners of the Nation's Attic.

An outdoor café offers views of the Spy Museum and the National Archives as well as an opportunity to bathe in the balm of a Washington summer while downing patriotically themed beers.

You're guaranteed the pursuit of happiness: Get your buzz on, gawk at what LBJ called "the ugliest thing I ever saw" (his own portrait), then go poking around for Paul Thek's gorily mystical "Untitled (Meat Pyramid)."

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GLENN DIXON

→ *Smithsonian American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery, 8th and F streets NW; daily starting July 1, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m., free; 202-633-1000. (Gallery Place/Chinatown)*

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Bangkok Blues: Mother Lode, 7:30 p.m., \$6.

Black Cat: Hott Beat, Always, Kiosk, Finally Punk, 9 p.m., \$8.

Blues Alley: Jon Faddis Quartet, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Bohemian Caverns: The Bohemian Omelette, 8 p.m., \$5.

Club Amazon: Mad House Thursdays, 10 p.m., \$10, ladies free before 11 p.m.

Crossroads: Live Reggae Happy Hour, Zone One, Jason Steele, Majestic, 5 p.m., free.

DC9: Drunk Horse, Birds of Avalon, Nitroseed, 9 p.m., \$10.

Five: Latin party with DJs Chris, Manny Fresh & Ty-One, 10 p.m., \$5.

Iota: Robbie Fulks, Steven Yerkey, 9 p.m., \$12.

Jammin' Java: Sarah Croker CD release, 8 p.m., \$10.

Jaxx: Jackknife, Burn in Silence, Clifton, Dischord, 6:30 p.m., \$12.

Kennedy Center: National Symphony Orchestra sneak peek of the 2006-'07 season, 6 p.m., free.

Love: Christina Milian, 8 p.m., \$20.

Merriweather Post Pavilion: Ben Folds, 8 p.m., \$85-175.

Nation: The Businews, Brain Failure, Rat City Riot, VPR, the Scare, 6:30 p.m., \$12.

National Museum of American History: Craobh Rua, 7:30 p.m., \$25.

9:30 Club: Edwin McCain Band, Danielle Howle, 7:30 p.m., \$20.

Platinum: Reggae/Reggaeton, DJs Qic-Silver, Smokey Joe & José, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.

U-Turn: Live reggae, 9 p.m., \$7.

Velvet Lounge: 30 Helens, the Degenerates, the Shondes, Angie Young, 9 p.m., \$10.

Verizon Center: Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, 7:30 p.m., \$38-\$88.

Zanzibar: Showtime in the City (singers, comedians, spoken-word poets and "clean" rappers), 5 p.m., free.

→FRIDAY

Apex: VJ's Mark A., Tony Velasco, 9 p.m., \$8.

Bangkok Blues: Savage Minds,

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JIM COOPER/AP

WE'RE NOT ONES TO GOSSIP ... : The cute, the hot, the multitasking, the dead sexy — or we can simply call her the "So Amazing" — Christina Milian will make the ladies and gents alike "Say I" this weekend when she stops over for a three-day stay at Love in Northeast this Thursday through Saturday. With rumors swirling of an alleged break with Island Def Jam Records — supposedly after her refusal to cover Rhianna's "S.O.S.," but you didn't hear it from us — it's going to be interesting to see how low R&B's sweetest girl-next-door (or her jeans) will dip to strengthen her fan base.

8:30 p.m., \$7.	Psapp, 9:30 p.m., \$15.	\$10.
Birchmere: Steve Riley & the Mamou Playboys, 7:30 p.m., \$22.50.	Blues Alley: Jon Faddis Quartet, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.	Carter Barron: Soul of the City night, 7:30 p.m., free.
Black Cat: Jose Gonzalez, Juana Molina,	Bohemian Caverns: Young Lions, 9 p.m.	Club Amazon: Rare Essence, 10 p.m., \$10,

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Cultural Institute of Mexico: Trio Chalhucan, 7:30 p.m., free.

DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

Five: The Young Punx, Dee Jay Clutch, Jon Deke, Cortex & Suneel, 9 p.m., \$10.

H20: International Fridays, 9 p.m., \$15.

Iota: RPM/Panacea CD release show, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: The Dog Wagners, Terri Hendrix, Lloyd Maines, 7:30 p.m., \$15.

Jaxx: Offtrax, 5:15 p.m., \$10. Soul Survivor, 11 p.m., \$10.

Jubilee Stage: Cowboy Celtic, 12 p.m., free. Friendly Travelers, Michael White and the Original Liberty Jazz Band, 6 p.m., free.

Kennedy Center: El Grupo Ansiedad, 6 p.m., free.

Love: Christina Milian, 8 p.m., \$20.

Natural History Museum: Ginny Car, 5:30 p.m., \$10.

9:30 Club: The Fiery Furnaces, Man Man & Land of Talk, 9 p.m., \$15.

Rams Head: Todd Miller Band, 10 p.m., free.

State Theatre: Soldiers of Jah Army, Ras Attitude, Batch and the Zioniers, the Fear Nuttin Band, DJ Redemption, 9 p.m., \$20.

Twins Jazz: Buck Hill, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.

U-Turn: Live reggae, 9 p.m., \$10.

Velvet Lounge: The Timothy Bracken Complex, Deleted Scenes, the Rosevelt, 9 p.m., \$10.

Verizon Center: Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, 7:30 p.m., \$38-\$88.

Warehouse Next Door: The Good Anna, The Blizzards, Knife Crazy, 8:30 p.m., \$8.

Warner Theatre: Ashlee Simpson, Ashley Parker Angel, 7:30 p.m., \$42.50.

→SATURDAY

Anne Arundel Community College: Annapolis Symphony Orchestra Fourth of

Natural History Museum: 10th St. & Constitution Ave. NW; 202-633-1000.

9:30 Club: 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930.

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TheScene

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Bangkok Blues: Wildman, 8:30 p.m., \$7.

Birchmere: Aimee Mann, 7:30 p.m., sold out.

Black Cat: Aceyalone, Ugly Duckling, the Procussions, Diverse, Mayday, Wreckonize, 9 p.m., \$15.

Blues Alley: Jon Faddis Quartet, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Club Amazon: The Lissen Band, 10 p.m., ladies free before 11 p.m., \$10 after.

Crossroads: Wayne Wonder, Lady Saw, 10 p.m., \$30.

DC9: Tease, DJ's Rafael, John Redden, Ca\$\$idy, People's Champion, 9 p.m., free before 10 p.m., \$10 after.

Fur: Markus Schulz, 10 p.m., \$20.

Galaxy Hut: Alice Despard, the Lost Patrol, 9:45 p.m., \$5.

H20: Soul Food Saturdays, 9 p.m., \$20.

Iota: Scott Miller and the Commonwealth, the Hickories, 9:30 p.m., \$15.

Jammin' Java: Timelord, Engage, Todesbonden, Breaking Form, 7 p.m., \$10.

Jaxx: Arsenic, Official, Encompass, Gorman Prophecy, Freddy Inferno, Cult of Discordia, Unprecedented, 3:15 p.m., \$11.

Love: Christina Milian, 8 p.m., \$20.

Lyric Opera House: The Love, Body and Soul Tour: Ginuwine, Raheem DeV Vaughn, 7:30 p.m., \$38-\$68.

9:30 Club: The Daycare Swindlers (reunion show), the Goons, the Twats, Supreme Commander, Alleged Bricks, 7 p.m., \$12.

Platinum: DJ Gemini and guest DJs, (R&B, hip-hop and reggae), 9 p.m., free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.

State Theatre: Eric Lindell, 9 p.m., \$20.

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and Squeak, Hotel Yes, 10 p.m., \$8.

Velvet Lounge: The Lost Atoms, Full Min-ute of Mercury, Running with Scissors, Dreamscapes Project, 9 p.m., \$10.

Washington National Cathedral: Cathedral Choral Society and The Dave Brubeck Quartet, 7:30 p.m., free.

Warehouse Next Door: Anti-Social Music, Gena Rowlands Band, Revival, 8:30 p.m., \$8.

→ **SUNDAY**

Bangkok Blues: Luz de America, 7 p.m., \$6.

Belmont Country Club: Toto, 6:15 p.m., \$12.50-\$40.

Birchmere: Aimee Mann, 7:30 p.m., \$45

Blues Alley: Jon Faddis Quartet, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

DC9: Sordid, Skindeep, Rezin, Revel, 9 p.m., \$8.

Five: Trade (alternative lifestyles), 9 p.m., \$10.

Galaxy Hut: Andy Zipf, Kaiser Cartel,

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Anacostia Museum: "New Orleans Black Mardi Gras Indians: Exploring a Commu-nity Tradition From an Insider's View," photographic portraits of Black Mardi Gras Indians by J. Nash Porter, through Aug. 6. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000.

Anderson House: "Paths to Yorktown," chronicles the ways the American, French and British armies and navies arrived in Yorktown, through Sept. 30. 2118 Massa-chusetts Ave. NW; 202-785-2040.

Anne C. Fisher Gallery: "Father," a multi-faceted, multimedia exploration of fatherhood, through July 14. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-625-7555.

Arlington Arts Center: "New Art Exam-ined," works by 2006 Master of Fine Arts graduates in the Mid-Atlantic region. "Exposing Papers," Jill Romanoke's solo exhibit of mixed media on paper, both through Aug. 5. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800.

Canadian Embassy Art Gallery: "All About Alberta," a collection of fine crafts reflecting the Canadian province's dis-tinct sense of place, through Sept. 16. 501 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-448-6255.

Conner Contemporary: "Cut," video and photography by Bradley McCallum and Jacqueline Terry examines issues of part-nership and intimacy, opens Fri., through July 29. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Contempo-rary (Re)defined," the museum's largest contemporary exhibit, through Aug. 13. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

Cultural Institute of Mexico: "Miguel Covarrubias, Genius of Mexico in the United States," Covarrubias was a mural-ist, anthropologist and an illustrator for many American publications and books. This exhibit features some of his ground-breaking caricatures, through July 7. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628.

Curator's Office: "Rules," an architec-tural intervention by Michael Cataldi and Pranay Reddy, through July 29. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-387-1008.

DAR Museum: "Obsolete, Odd and Abso-lutely Ooky Stuff from the DAR Museum Vaults," through Sept. 2. 1176 D. St. NW; 202-879-3241.

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9:45 p.m., \$5.

Iota: Ken Edwards and his Well Strung Band, Dave Desmelik and the Hillbilly Cadavers, 8:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin Java: Boukman Eksperyans, 7:30 p.m., \$15.

Jaxx: Ska Face, Free Money, Piglet, I Need Sleep, Time Tells All, 5:15 p.m., \$12.

9:30 Club: Forever Night Fever Day Tour: 30 Seconds to Mars, June, The Audition, Agent Sparks, 7 p.m., \$15.

Platinum: DJs Alize, Trini & Superslice- Muzik Nashun, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.

Velvet Lounge: Kev Brown, Den'd pro-ductions, Keyote, Jali D, Tha Beggas, Neia, Rosette Stone, DJ Underdog, DJ Earth Ine, DJ Damu, 9 p.m., \$10.

Zanzibar: Miss Sierra Leone in D.C. pag-eant, 7 p.m, \$25.

Sight

American Art Museum: "Grant Wood's Studio: Birthplace of American Gothic," 160 works, through July 16. "American ABC: Childhood in 19th-Century Amer-ica," explores images of children and their relationship to the American quest for national identity, opens July 1, through Sept. 17. "William Wegman — Funny/Strange," a look at the humorous works of William Wegman from the 1960s to the present, opens Sat., through Sept. 24. "William H. Johnson's World on Paper,"

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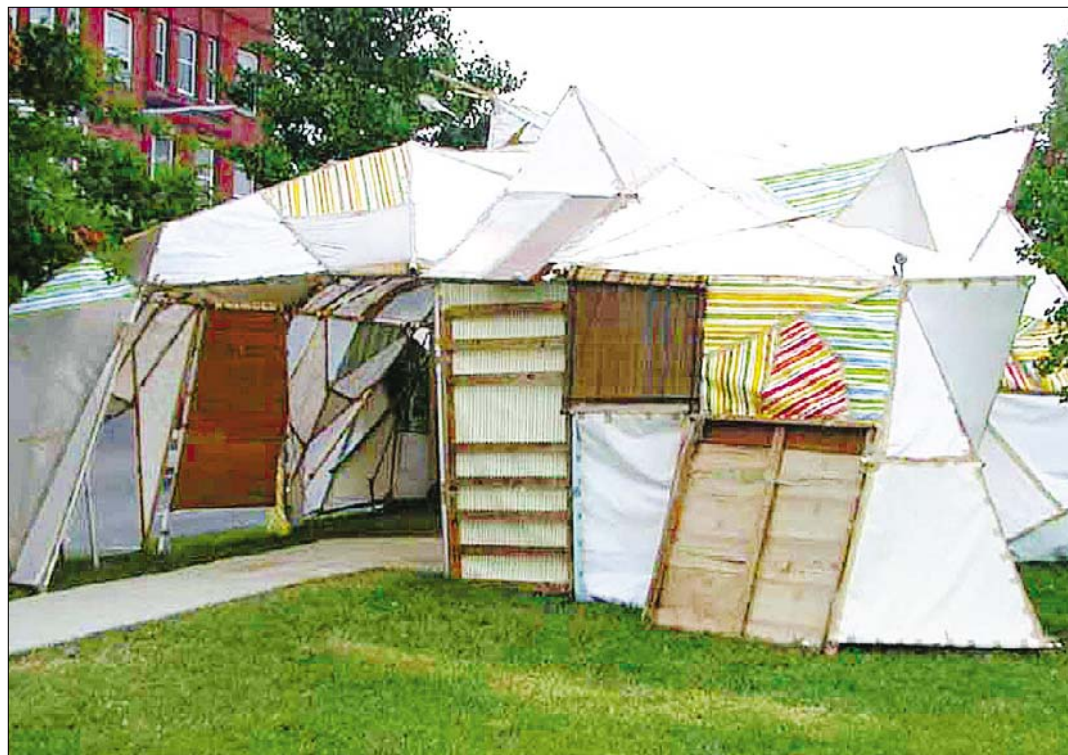


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a non-profit organization that supports emerging artists, opens June 30, through July 23. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833.

District Fine Arts: "Summer Solstice," a group show of contemporary art from Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, though July 9. 1726 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-328-9100, dfaonline.com.

LAST CHANCE Flashpoint: "De Aquil Paraiso," Ken Ashton's photos of urban environments around the world, through Sat. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310.

Folger: "Noyses, Sounds, and Sweet Aires," musical instruments used in early modern England, though Sept. 9. 201 East Capitol St. NE; 202-544-7077.

LAST CHANCE Foundry Gallery: "Sensuality: The Female Nude in Black and White Photography," the products of Michael Ian Goulding's four years exploring this subject, through Sun. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203.

Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "History of History," photos of seascapes, dioramas, wax figures and other artifacts depict the rich history of Japan, through July 30. "Beyond Brushwork: Symbolism in Chinese Painting," through Nov. 26. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880.

Gallery 10: Florence Putterman's abstract paintings, prints and sculptures depict the relationship between animals and people, through July 21. 1519 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-3326.

LAST CHANCE Gallery Neptune: "Driven," D.C. artists Dana Ellyn and Matt Sesow explore a range of topics related to driving, including fuel economy, status symbols, smart growth, road rage and drunk driving, through Sat. 4808 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-0809.

Gallery Plan B: "Printmakers Group Exhibit," through July 9. 1530 14th St. NW; 202-234-2711.

Gateway's Heliport Gallery: "Community Spirit," Hussein Saidi's art focuses on community and family in both in his home country (Tanzania) and in the United States, where he's lived for 10 years, through Aug. 3. 8001 Kennett St., Suite 3, Silver Spring; 301-562-1400.

Goethe-Institut: "Gute Aussichten: Young German Photographers," works by winners of the 1st and 2nd annual German graduate photography competition, through Aug. 31. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200.

Greater Reston Arts Center: "Languages of Silence," J. Mahoney's selections (from 24 national artists) based upon the concept "that which is real is given and received in silence," through Aug. 18. 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston; 703-471-9242.

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Film Threat: Punk meets opera meets memory in the avant-garde work "Nitrate Hymnal," which uses home movies to tell a musical story. | *Spotlight*

→ Also, free summer concerts, celebrating the 4th of July with the kids; dinner at Umberto's Cucina; reviews of all the latest movies.

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Eating Around

HONORS

Andres Gets Best Chef In 2006 Rammys

Sunday was a miserable night to be crowded into the Marriott Wardman Park hotel for the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington's annual awards dinner, or Rammys. As the skies opened up and the city began to flood, the theme of "Restaurants Rock" saturated numerous introductory speeches by dinner sponsors — most of which fell on deaf ears as the audience sipped Chilean wine and chattered about award nominees.

The following is a list of this year's winners:

CHEF OF THE YEAR: Jose Andres of Jaleo, Cafe Atlantico, Mini Bar, Oyamel and Zaytinya

NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING PLACE: Evening Star Cafe

HOTTEST BAR SCENE: Clyde's of Gallery Place

POWERSPOT OF THE YEAR: The Capital Grille

NEW RESTAURANT: Black Salt Fish Market and Restaurant

FINE DINING: Maestro

INFORMAL DINING: KAZ Sushi Bistro

CHEF OF THE YEAR: Jose Andres

RESTAURANT EMPLOYEE: Santos Fuentes, Chef Geoff's

PASTRY CHEF: Zoe Behrens, 1789



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HE COOKED THEIR GOOSE, SOUS-VIDE: Experimental wonder-chef Jose Andres diced the competition at this year's Rammy awards, winning the title of best chef.

Restaurant

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RESTAURANT MANAGER: Danny Boylen, Notti Bianche

RISING CULINARY STAR: Johnny Monis, Komi

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Sweetwater Tavern MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

→ 7750 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda; 301-652-5525 (Bethesda)

UPCOMING

Beloved Stoney's to Reopen, But What of Its Grit?

L Street NW lost its beloved Stoney's last year, a symbol of an older, seedier Washington where cranky journalists, prostitutes and worker bees would mix over beers and burgers. The landmark was bought and an office building is taking its place. But according to The Post's Tom Sietsema, the old Stoney's will reopen at the end of July, four blocks to the north on P Street NW. Whether it will also resurrect back some of its tarnished charm is another question altogether. (MG)

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Back at Black's — a Foodie Bar Re-Blooms in Bethesda

After a complete overhaul and some irksome delays in reopening, Black's Bar and Kitchen in Bethesda reopened its doors to the public on Wednesday. If you're a Bethesda foodie — especially one into corn dogs, goat cheese tartlets and glassed-in wine rooms — you're best to make it up there for dinner pronto to see what the buzz is about. Lunch service starts next week. (MG)

LIVE ONLINE

Ask Tom

For those of us on a limited budget, what restaurant in the District gives the best bang for the buck — in quality, not quantity.

Off the top of my (slightly sunburned) head: Etete for Ethiopian, Amsterdam Falafel Shop for the obvious, Nirvana for Indian, Spices for Asian.

→ Etete, 1942 9th St. NW; 202-232-7600 (U St.-Cardozo)

→ Amsterdam Falafel Shop, 2425 18th St. NW; 202-234-1969. (Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan)



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The Amsterdam Falafel Shop is known for its high quality and low prices.

→ Nirvana, 1810 K St. NW; 202-223-5043. (Farragut West)

→ Spices 3333-A Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-686-3833. (Cleveland Park)

Do you know when the new Capitol Hill Johnny's Half Shell and the adjoining take-out are supposed

to open? As someone who works in the building, I'm anxious and had heard June as the goal date. But it doesn't look like they're anywhere close.

Co-owner John Fulchino is aiming to reopen Johnny's on the Hill in the former La Colline space on September 12th. He hopes to keep the original P Street NW space open through the month of July and "say good-bye to all our great neighbors," he told me today.

→ 2002 P St. NW; 202-296-2021. (Dupont Circle)

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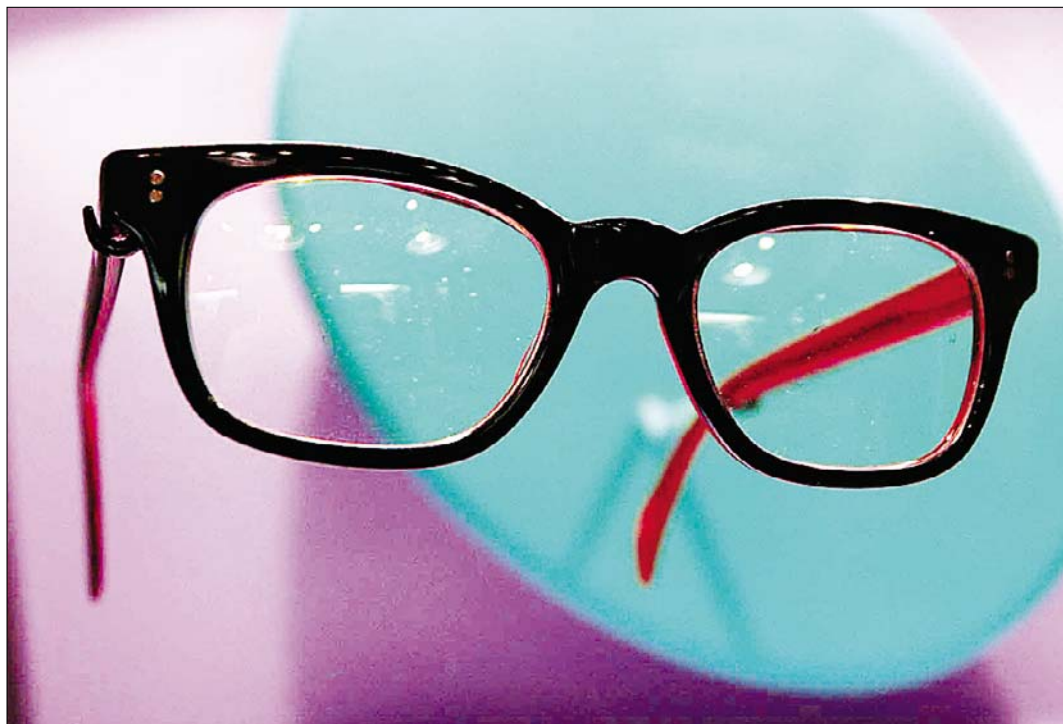
Hemphill: Works on paper by Benjamin Abramowitz, 35mm Kodachromes by William Christenberry and photographs by Don Donaghy, all through Aug. 19. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601.

LAST CHANCE Hirshhorn Museum: Film clips show Oliver Herring bringing together diverse performers and utilizing everyday objects in performance art pieces, through Sunday. "Heaven and Earth," highlights of Anselm Kiefer's career-long meditation on the relationship between heaven and earth, through Sept. 10. "Directions," Jim Lambie uses vinyl tape to transform the museum's lobby into a giant, colorful painting, through Oct. 2. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000.

International Visions: "Mainly Maine," paintings by Richard Myrick, "Construction," mixed media by Lila Snow, both through Aug. 6. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112.

LAST CHANCE Irvine Contempo-

MUSEUMS | RELICS OF PRETEND SPYING



ISPY: This is your last chance to see the Spy Museum's special exhibit, "Spy Treasures of Hollywood," featuring a collection of famous props and costumes used in beloved spy movies and television shows such as "Mission: Impossible," the James Bond movies, "The Avengers" and "Alias." No, you may not try on Emma Peel's catsuit.

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rary: "The New Geometry," Charbel Ackermann literalizes the "Axis of Evil" metaphor and maps it onto multiple visual representations of the world, "Monument Squared," an ancient Roman triumphal arch is redrawn from thousands of original barcodes, each encoded with text fragments and Ackermann's own writing, both through July 4. "Animalia," beauty out of beasts, curated by Heather Russell, through July 29. 1412 P St. NW; 202-332-8767.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Souvenirs: Memories of Tunis," former curator of the Jerusalem Fund, Dagmar Painter, has combined her recent photographs of Tunisia with souvenirs of her life there to create pieces that embody the artist's memories. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958.

Katzen Arts Center: "Makoto Fujimura: Water Flames and Zero Summer," large-scale abstractions, "Made in Oakland by Jim Melchert," ceramic tile installations, both through Aug. 20. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-1300.

Kathleen Ewing Gallery: "30th Anniversary Exhibition," the works of 24 Wash-

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ington photographers, through July 22.
1609 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-328-0955.

LAST CHANCE Kennedy Center:

"Transformation," an international exhibition by artists with disabilities, through June 29. 2700 F St. NW; 800-444-1324.

Marsha Mateyka Gallery: "Kitty Klaidman: Rome Series," Klaidman uses color to evoke the mood and imagery of ancient Rome, through July 8. 2012 R St. NW; 202-328-0088.

Meridian's Cafritz Galleries: "Prints and the Courty World of Mozart," 35 prints from the 18th and 19th centuries, including portraits of Mozart as a child prodigy and as an accomplished composer and performer, through July 16. 1624 Crescent Pl. NW; 202-939-5568.

LAST CHANCE Multiple Exposures:

"Listen to the Stream," photos by Roberto

Kamide, "Listen to the Snow," photos by Valerie Makepeace, through July 3. 105 N. Union Street #312, Alexandria; 703-638-2205.

LAST CHANCE Museum of Contemporary Art:

"East Meets West," paintings by Korean artist Han Hwangbo seek to capture the expressions of Eastern and Western cultures, through Sunday. 1054 31 St. NW; 202-342-6230.

Museum of Modern Art:

"The Scrolls," a traveling international arts project that asks the question, "Why?" regarding the war in Iraq, through July 14. 1116 N. Hudson St., Arlington; 703-528-4800.

National Air and Space Museum:

Rare memorabilia of Charles Lindbergh and his 1927 solo transatlantic flight, ongoing. 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly, Va.; 202-633-1000.

National Archives:

"Eyewitness: American Originals from the National Archives," written firsthand accounts, as well as audio and video clips, of major events in American history. Includes a telecast from lunar orbit on Apollo 8, a radio report on

TheScene

the Hindenburg disaster, President Kennedy's recollections of discussions held during the Cuban Missile Crisis, Congressman John Lewis speaking about his 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery, and many more, through Jan. 1, 2007. Constitution Avenue between 7th & 9th streets NW; 202-357-5300.

LAST CHANCE National Building Museum: "Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community," through July 4. "New Orleans — A Shared Space," six well-known Dutch and American architectural firms reveal their exciting designs for the rebuilding of New Orleans, through July 30. "Prairie Skyscraper: Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie Tower," exploring Wright's only (constructed) skyscraper using drawings, models and photos of the iconic building, through Sept. 17. "Cityscapes Revealed," highlights from the museum's permanent collection, ongoing. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: "Photographic Discoveries," 19th and early 20th century photographs by various artists show how the new medium developed into an art form, through July 30. "Across Media," Charles Sheeler's paintings, drawings, films and photos set the foundation for American modernism, through Aug. 27. "Bellini, Giorgione, Titian and the Renaissance of Venetian painting," through Sept. 17. "Master Drawings from the Woodner Collections," the museum's most prominent pieces from the private collection of Ian Woodner, including works by Da Vinci,



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National Geographic Society: "The Gospel of Judas," the only known surviving pages of the Gospel of Judas, through July 9. "Castles and Crusades: A View in Miniature," two large model castles and a bazaar, with more than 2,000 hand-painted figurines, provide a glimpse into the Crusades era, through Sept. 4. "One World, One Tribe — Reza," selected images from over 30 years of work by photojournalist Reza depict the torments of war and revolution, through Oct. 9. "Soccer: Planet at Play," photos and video

highlights of the game being played by amateurs around the world, through Oct. 29. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588.

National Library of Medicine: "Visible Proofs: Forensic Views of the Body," ongoing. 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-496-6308.

National Museum of African Art: "BIG/small," diverse historical pieces show the importance of size and scale in

African art, through July 9. "African Gold," from the Glassell Collection, through Nov. 26. "First Look: The Walt Disney-Tishman African Art Collection," through Dec. 3. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of American History: "Honky-Tonk," Henry Horenstein's photos of country musicians, through Sept. 5, other exhibitions ongoing. 14th

Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Natural History: "Wondrous Cold: An Antarctic Journey," photographs by Joan Myers of daily life at McMurdo Station, Antarctica's primary research facility, through Sept. 4. "Lewis and Clark: The National Bicentennial," artifacts and other rare objects depict

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National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Vistas and Visions," landscape paintings from the museum's permanent collection, through July 9. Chakaia Booker uses car tires to create sculptures, through Sept. 4. "Dreaming Their Way," the work of Australian Aboriginal women painters, through Sept. 24. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

National Portrait Gallery: "America's Presidents," an extended display of multiple images of 42 U.S. presidents, including the famous "Lansdowne" portrait of George Washington, opens July 1, ongoing. "Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition 2006," the works of seven finalists from the first-ever U.S. national portrait competition, opens July 1, through Feb. 18, 2007. 8th & F St. NW; 202-633-1000.

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Nevin Kelly Gallery: "Poetic License," Sondra Arkin's and Mary Beth Ramsey's collaborative exhibition features mixed-media assemblage works that focus on the legacy and power of the written word, through July 19. 1517 U St. NW; 202-232-

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Phillips Collection: "The Renoir Returns," the museum's well-known French impressionist pieces return to Dupont Circle, through July 30. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151.

Project 4: "Kuroi Shiroi," an installation of black stoneware and white porcelain by D.C. artist Laurel Lukaszewski, through July 22. 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340.

Pyramid Atlantic Art Center: "Displacement," multimedia works by Nino Leselidze, Hadieh Shafie, and Jennie Thwing that challenge the inherent structure and subtleties of our common visual experiences and question the homoge-

neity of our time. "A Change of Plans," a video installation by Symmes Gardner in which a range of human emotions are presented to describe our experience in the world as well as to ask what, if anything, might lie beyond, both through Aug. 15. 8230 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-608-9101.

Rachel Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, NVCC: Photographs by Barbara Southworth, through July 22. 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria; 703-845-6165.

Ratner Museum: "Argentinean Artists," painting, sculpture, and photography by, well, Argentinians, through July 27. 10001 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda; 301-299-6042.

Sackler Gallery: "Facing East: Portraits from Asia," this collection of paintings, sculptures, and photographs of Egyptian pharaohs, Chinese empresses, Jap-

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HIS SO-CALLED BAND: 30 Seconds to Mars poses the long-running musical question, "Do all actors-turned-musicians suck?" Jared Leto and brother Shannon suck in their cheeks, sure, but their prog-metal is fairly highly regarded among people who aren't now and never have been teenage girls. Put aside your taste for irony for a while at the 9:30 Club on Sunday.

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BAD NEWS RECORDS

CHINESE ROCK: Brain Failure has all the marks of a classic punk band, except that the lyrics are in both English and Mandarin. The Beijing quartet, opening for the Business Thursday at Nation, broke Chinese punk wide open with the release of '02's "Turn on the Distortion." Local hardcore staples VPR and up-and-comers the Scare are also on Thursday's bill.

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anese actors and a host of other subjects explores how portraits have expressed identity in Asia and the Near East, opens July 1, through Sept. 4. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4880.

Spectrum Gallery: "Celebrate Washington," works by Washington artists, through Sept. 3. 1421 22nd St. NW; 202-833-1616.

LAST CHANCE Spy Museum: "Spy Treasures of Hollywood," over 4,000 artifacts from Hollywood spy movies and television shows, such as James Bond's Walther PPK handgun, Maxwell Smart's shoe phone, and many more, through June 29. 800 F St. NW; 202-393-7798.

LAST CHANCE Strathmore: "Magic Clay," works by students of Argentinean ceramic artist Alfredo Ratino, through June 30. "Common Bond X," the works of 35 significant regional African-American artists, through July 15. 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-581-5200.

Studio Gallery: Carol Rubin uses rich texture in her abstracted landscapes to convey the feel and temperature of different

places, through July 16, pinhole photography by Janyce Erlich-Moss, through July 16. 2108 R St. NW; 202-232-8734.

Textile Museum: "Seldom Seen: Director's Choice From the Museum's Collections," through July 30. "Harpies, Mermaids and Tulips: Embroidery from Greek Islands and the Epirus Region," through Sept. 3. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

LAST CHANCE Torpedo Factory: "Mutual Inspirations," Carolyn Witschonke's etchings and encaustic paintings, through June 30. "Making My Mark," abstract paintings by Susan Finsen, one of the founders of the Torpedo Factory, through Sun.. "Listen to the Stream and a Sense of Snow," photography by Roberto Kamide and Valerie Makepeace, through July 3. "Show Me Your Metal," works in or about metal, through July 16. 105 North Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565.

Touchstone Gallery: "Journey to Center: Paintings from the Heart," in vivid paintings, Lucy and Dick Hermann attempt to freeze quiet moments of nature in time, "Parallels and Other Marks," Jan Sherfy's abstract paintings examine how rhythmic patterns found in familiar settings affect emotions, "As You Dream It," Nancy Novick explores the nature of shapes and lines and how they define space in her

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paintings, all through July 7th. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Crime-Solving Plants," demonstrates how plant scientists have cracked tough cases, through July 15. "Systematics: Roots and Relationships," focuses on the work of scientists at USDA's Beltsville Agricultural Resource Center, through Oct. 1. "Summer Reunion: A Gathering of Plant Families," a series of gardens showcasing 11 different plant families, through Oct. 15. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333.

The Walters Art Museum: "Mightier Than the Sword: The Satirical Pen of Kal," celebrates the works of political cartoonist Kevin Kallaugher (aka Kal) featuring some of his better-known cartoons and caricatures from The Baltimore Sun and The Economist, as well as some lesser-known sculptures, films and 3D animations, through Sept. 3. 600 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.; 410-547-9000.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: "Punctuation and Friends," intaglio prints by Victoria Vogl, through July 30. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

Zenith Gallery: "Our Town," a selection of East Coast artists, through July 16. "David Hubbard & Jodi," Hubbard transforms stainless steel into sculpture, while Jodi creates rich textures on canvas and wood, through July 28th (exhibited at 901 E St.). 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963.

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THIS WEEK ONLY Annie: A brand new production of the family classic, through Sun., \$18-\$65. Wolf Trap, Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna; 703-255-1900, wolftrap.org.

Assassins: Signature Theatre takes a shot at the Sondheim musical about world leaders' most effective enemies, through July 23, \$31. 3806 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-218-6500, signature-theatre.org.

Bedbound: An ambitious furniture salesman keeps his polio-ridden daughter hidden at home, through July 16, \$20. Solas Nua, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, solasnua.org.

THIS THURSDAY ONLY Bindlestiff Family Cirkus: A variety of amazing sideshow, vaudeville and burlesque performers, complete with political commentary, June 29, \$19.50. Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-549-7500, birchmere.com.

Caroline, or Change: A rare musical from Tony Kushner, this drama is about race

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH REZA: The National Geographic Society presents a 30-year retrospective of the work of acclaimed Iranian photojournalist Reza. (One name only, please.) The show, which focuses on the Middle East but includes photos from places all around the world, poignantly depicts the torment of war and the power of hope.

relations, family and the American urge for re-invention, through July 9, \$47-\$62. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE The Children's Hour: Lillian Hellman's classic play explores the proscribed relationships between women, through Sun., \$22-\$30. Clark Street Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington; 703-418-4808, washingtonshakespeare.org.

The Faculty Room: A biting comedy that explores the darker side of high school from inside the teacher's lounge, through July 9, \$30-\$48. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; 202-312-5261, woollymammoth.net.

Galactika: A children's show offering an entertaining way to learn about astronomy, through July 16, \$12-\$15. Classika Theatre, 1041 S. 28th St., Arlington; 703-824-6200, classika.org.

FRIDAY ONLY The Hardest Question Ever: The D.C. Books to Prisons Project combines a mixture of live performers, chain-gang inspired music, and shadow puppets inside a life-size jail cell in a performance about responsibility, loss and forgiveness. \$5-\$8. St. Stephen's Church, 1525 Newton St. NW; quixote.org/ej/bookstoprison.

Hedda Gabler: Henrik Ibsen's play about restless newlywed Hedda Gabler, whose world comes crashing down when a for-

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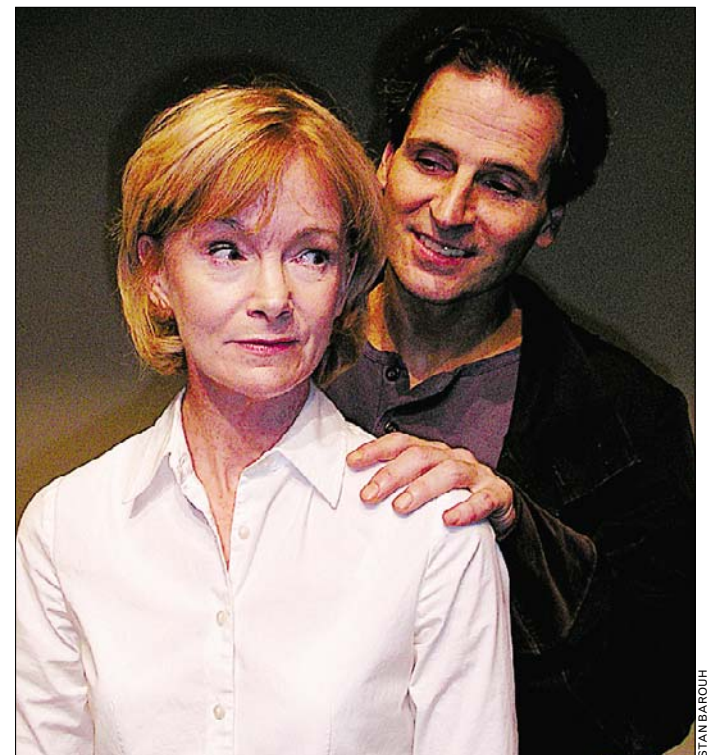
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mer lover's success threatens her future, through July 23, \$34-\$44. Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Kevin Brennan: Formerly a writer and performer on "Saturday Night Live," Brennan has been a regular stand-up performer on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien," and "The Late Show With David Letterman." He was also voted Best Comedian at the Aspen Comedy Festival, through Sun., \$15. Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-296-7008, dcimprov.com.

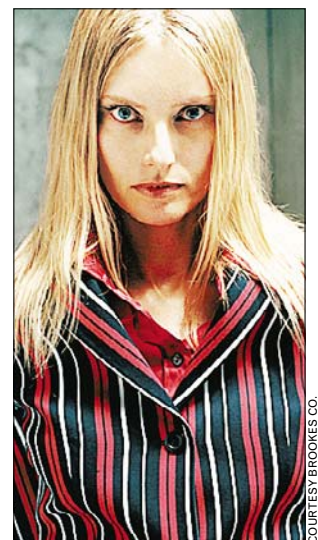
Little Women: The Broadway musical based on the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott about the adventures of the March sisters, through July 23, \$36-\$94. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

Love's Labor's Lost: Shakespeare's play about three lords who attempt to renounce worldly things (including women) but are foiled by the arrival of witty royal ladies; artistic director Michael Kahn updates the play to 1960s India for maximum pop dazzle, through July 30,

\$14.25-\$71.25. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122, ShakespeareTheatre.org.

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Monty Python's Spamalot: Tony Award-winning Best Musical of 2005, based on the infamously zany film, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," through July 9, \$46.25-\$91.25. Washington's National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-628-6161, nationaltheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE Much Ado About Nothing: Shakespeare's witty comedy about young lovers Claudio and Hero who attempt to unite Lord Benedick and Beatrice, despite their professed aversion to marriage and each other, through Sun., \$34-\$44. Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

New World Order and other plays: Harold Pinter portrays two state torturers about to work on a prisoner to keep "the world clean for democracy," written in response to the first invasion of Iraq. The production also includes two one-act plays by Pinter: "One for the Road," and "Mountain Language," through July 9, \$25-\$32. Warehouse Theatre, 1021 7th St. NW; 703-684-7990, scenatheatre.org.

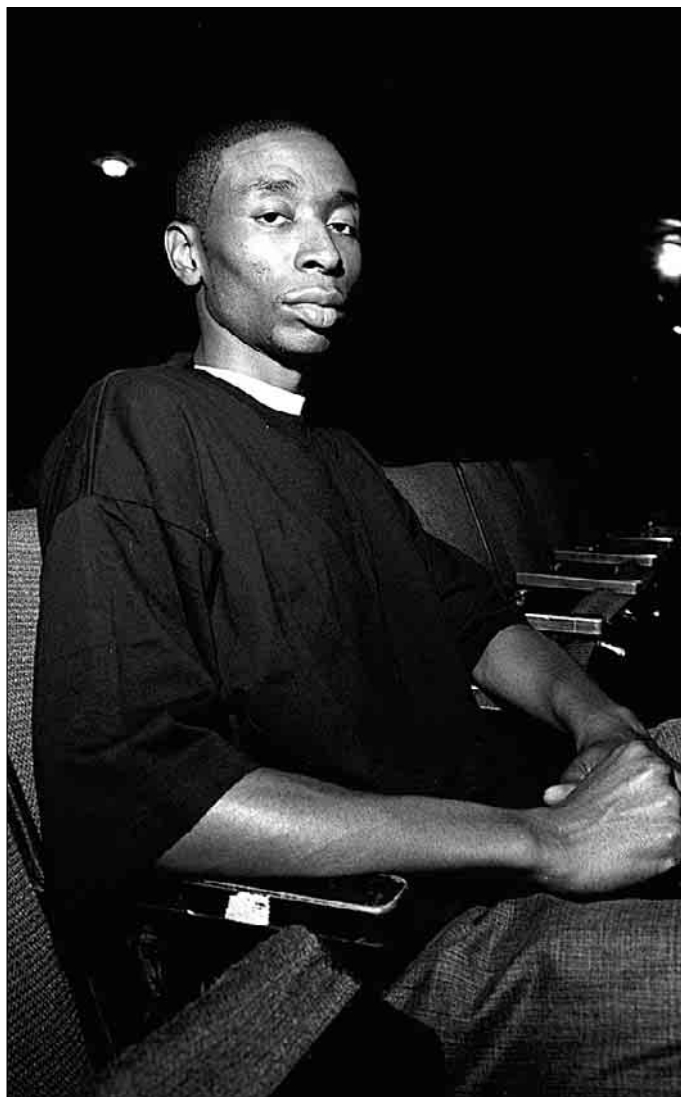
No End of Blame: A vivid, epic portrayal of the engagement of the artist and the state, through July 23, \$15. Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

Shear Madness: This comedy whodunit takes place in modern-day Georgetown in the Shear Madness hair salon in this tourist favorite and D.C. staple, through Sept. 3, \$34-\$45. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

Two-Headed: A new play by Washington Shakespeare Company about the effect that gossip and secrets have on two Mormon women, set in the 19th century, through July 9. Clark Street Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington; 703-418-4808.

U.S.A.: Stage adaptation of Don Pasoso's classic saga capturing the allure and promise of America in the 21st century, through July 15, \$23-\$29. Theater II, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-553-8782, americancentury.org.

The Waiting Room: A satirical look at women who attempt to perfect their bodies in order to live up to male fantasies and the health repercussions that ensue, opens Fri., through July 22, \$10-\$12.50. Laurel Mill Playhouse, 508 Main St., Laurel, MD; 301-617-9906, laurelmillplayho



JAT LINDSAY

The 9th Wonder of Urban Bohemia

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Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf: A college professor and his dissatisfied hussy of a wife battle it out late one night, trying to humiliate each other and draw out secrets from their guests, opens June 30, through July 23. Silver Spring Stage, Woodmoor Shopping Center, 10145 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 603-593-6936,

ssstage.org.

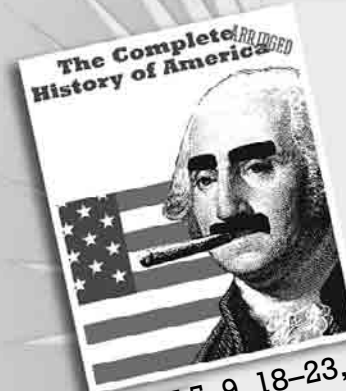
THIS FRIDAY ONLY Zephyr Franco-Albertan Dance: These performers in the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, this Canadian troupe takes most of its repertoire from French-Canadian dance traditions, June 30, free. Northern Lights Stage, National Mall (near Smithsonian Castle); 202-275-1150, folklife.si.edu.

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